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STAND CLEAR! RAIL CLOSURES TO START

BY CARL JACKSON

CLOSURES to the Chase Line to allow for multi-million pound upgrades are set to begin this weekend.

Buses will replace trains between Rugeley Trent Valley, Walsall, and Tame Bridge Parkway, and the timetable will be amended slightly.

The same measures will be in place every Sunday up to July 30. There will then be a two-week break in the works before the line is closed again between Sunday, August 13 to Monday, August 28.

The work is part of the £100 million electrification scheme which promises quieter, faster and environmentally friendly services.

Amanda Milling, parliamentary candidate for Cannock Chase vowed to monitor the situation over the coming weeks.

She said: "I completely understand that passengers will be very concerned by the disruption to the service over the coming weekends as the engineering works mean that the line will be shut totally so that Network Rail can fit the overhead electrical equipment. I would urge passengers to check the information provided by London Midland which outlines the details of the replacement bus services.

Improve

"I have repeatedly met with representatives from both Network Rail and London Midland to make it clear that the works need to be completed on time with as little disruption to passengers as possible, and I will continue to monitor the situation closely.

"Issues with the Chase Line, including overcrowded, delayed and cancelled trains have been an ongoing problem.

"The electrification of the line will improve the service, and I hope that passengers will understand that the short-term disruption will be worth it in the end."

Rob Homsey, London Midland's lead for Chase Line services, said: "An increasing number of passengers now use the Chase Line services each year.

"The work taking place will allow electric trains to run between Walsall and Rugeley.

"Overhead wires are currently only in place as far as Walsall, so we can only run diesel trains for our Birmingham to Rugeley services.

"Once the electrification work on the Chase Line is complete, electric trains will be able to run along the whole line, bringing a number of benefits.

"Electric trains are quieter, faster and more environmentally friendly. They can also carry more passengers than diesel trains."

Francis Thomas, a spokesman for London Midland, said: "We never like to stop people from travelling by rail, and we never like to put on replacement bus services, but this is part of £100 million investment works to make the Chase Line better for everyone."

HUGH GRANT DRAWS THE CROWDS IN POLL RUN-UP

Hugh Grant, right, and Paul Dadge in Cannock town centre where crowds had gathered to see the film star

HE is the Hollywood heart-throb who has starred in smash-hit box office successes such as Love Actually and Notting Hill – but on Tuesday, Hugh Grant stopped by in Cannock Chase to show support for Labour's parliamentary candidate Paul Dadge.

Grant was taken on an early afternoon whistle-stop tour of the district, first to the M6 Toll service station in Norton Canes, then to Rugeley Market and then to Hednesford.

Meanwhile, around 200 ecstatic fans from a range of generations waited for an hour outside the bandstand in Market Place, in Cannock town centre, for the superstar to arrive. In the meantime, they were treated to musical performances from local acts while an announcer geed up the crowd.

Girls went wild when it was announced 'He's nearly here' and the cheers were even louder when the man himself appeared in the flesh.

George Adamson, leader of Labour-controlled Cannock Chase Council, declared it was great for the party to have the support of such a big name ahead of the nation going to the polls today.

He said: "It has been a great day, especially with the weather staying dry.

"It's good to see so many people out to support Labour and see Hugh Grant, as well as Paul Dadge obviously.

"To have someone who is so famous and credible as a backer is great for our party."

Paul Dadge, from Norton Canes, who is a celebrated hero of the 7/7 London bombings, is hoping to overthrow Conservative candidate Amanda Milling, who won by a majority of nearly 5,000 at the last General Election in 2015.

ACCIDENT

Police officers hurt in collision on M6

TWO police officers were seriously injured in an accident on the M6.

Both men, from the Central Motorway Police Group, were taken to hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries.

Their marked car was in collision with a Citroen Berlingo and left the southbound carriageway between junctions 13 and 12 at 3.45am on Tuesday. The Citroen driver was treated at the scene. His injuries are not thought to be serious.

Witnesses or anyone with information should call Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting incident number 40 of June 6.

CONCERT

Ariana fan returns to Manchester

A TEENAGER returned to Manchester for the One Love concert less than two weeks after being at the Ariana Grande concert targeted by terrorists.

Zinni Wright, from Lichfield, was with a friend at the gig at the Manchester Arena when Salman Abedi detonated a bomb, killing 22 people.

On Sunday, the 14-year-old returned to the city for a memorial concert raising money for the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund.

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BATTLE

Centenary tributes to Messines heroes

STAFFORDSHIRE and the Black Country have been paying tribute to the men who took part in the The Battle of Messines.

It was exactly 100 years ago yesterday (Wednesday), at 3.10am, that arguably the greatest Allied victory of the First World War was launched.

The attack on a strategically important nine-mile ridge along the Western Front in Belgium raged for a week.

Among the heroes of the assault were men who had been trained on Cannock Chase where an extensive model of the village of Messines and nearby terrain was rediscovered and excavated in 2013.

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Crowds flock to open day at police HQ

Visitors enjoying the displays

THOUSANDS of people turned out for the Staffordshire Police annual open day which went ahead as planned less than 24 hours after the London Bridge terror attack.

The firearms teams are a regular attraction at the event with visitors eager to have their photograph taken with them, but their presence at the force headquarters in Weston Road, Stafford, on Sunday also served as an additional security measure in the wake of the most recent atrocity on British soil.

Four arenas were set up for a range of demonstrations providing the public with a rare insight into how police keep the streets safe.

Among them were shows put on by police search dogs, public order displays and 'method of entry' drills.

There were also scores of stands and displays, a fleet of police and emergency response vehicles, and the presence of all different arms of the force from cadets to those who patrol the motorway.

Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said the event took on a more 'sombre' tone following the attack in London the previous evening. He said: "It was very busy, busier than previous years, and people seemed to be taking a keen interest in the various displays as well as the public order demonstrations which were new this year.

"The people I spoke to just wanted to make their views known about how they see the police generally.

"It was very mixed. People were generally happy but there was also a sombre atmosphere after what has happened."

Security had already been stepped up following the Manchester attack and visitors were warned in advance they may be searched.

'Money will be found' vow in terror fight

THE Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire says money will be found to bolster counter-terror resources if needed – and implied that council tax could go up to help fund them.

Matthew Ellis's comments followed the London Bridge attack, which he described as a watershed for Britain.

He said: "As far as funding is concerned, if the police come to me and say we need more resources, and it is justified operationally, we will find the money.

"I didn't want to raise taxes for local people and make them pay more. But I have done that this year because I knew we would need to be putting more resources into the heavy end of policing.

"This is a watershed moment for the county. Something has got to change."

Meanwhile, the flags on Staffordshire County Council buildings have been flown at half-mast as a mark of respect for the victims killed and injured in the London terrorist attack, which came less than a fortnight after the Manchester atrocity.

Respect

Councillor Philip Atkins, Staffordshire County Council's leader, said: "Like everyone, I was shocked and appalled at this latest monstrous attack in a matter of days on innocent people enjoying an evening out with family and friends. The swift and brave actions of our emergency services once again undoubtedly helped save lives.

"I have asked that the flags on county council buildings be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect for the victims in Manchester and now in London.

"Our thoughts are very much with the victims of these two senseless tragic events."

The British Red Cross has set up a second emergency appeal fund on the fundraising platform JustGiving to support the London Bridge victims and their families called the UK Solidarity Fund.

All proceeds from this fund will support those affected by the terrorist events in London and Manchester and any similar incidents in the future in the UK.

It comes weeks after the British Red Cross set up the JustGiving page We Love Manchester Emergency Fund.

Piper marks Rita's 90th birthday

Rita Caldwell celebrates her 90th birthday with Tony Rollinson, Victoria Rollinson and piper Andrew Hogg

IT would have been the shock of a lifetime – but when a piper turned up to mark Rita Cardwell's 90th birthday, it took her back in time.

Rita, from Cannock, once told her daughter Victoria Rollinson that she wanted a piper to play at her funeral. However, she has now been surprised by Victoria organising for one to play on her 70th and 90th birthday,

Rita's birthday celebrations on Sunday were taken up a notch when Andrew Hogg, from Hednesford, showed up to play, in a repeat of when piper George Aldus helper her celebrate 20 years ago. She said: "I was absolutely gobsmacked, my jaw just dropped when I saw Andrew and heard the pipes.

"It took me back in time, I couldn't believe that my daughter had organised it again, she really is wonderful. I don't know what it is about the pipes but they just lift my spirits.

"It was a wonderful surprise and I thoroughly enjoyed my birthday celebrations, they were fantastic.

"On Sunday I was Joan Collins and now I am Rita Cardwell again, but the memories will stay with me." Rita is a mother of one and has two grandchildren, Max and Toniann.

She worked as a cook before retiring and now lives in Avon Road.

Daughter Victoria Rollinson said: "I remember my mom telling me that when she dies she wants to have a piper play at her funeral.

"I told her that I thought it was a bit pointless because she won't know and won't get to enjoy it.

"So I organised for her to be visited by one on her 70th birthday.

"I kept it as a surprise that I would be doing it again."

Councillors elected for top roles on council

COUNCILLOR Michael Greatorex has been elected the new chairman of Staffordshire County Council, with Councillor Kath Perry chosen as vice-chairman.

Councillor Greatorex has been selected to take the ceremonial chains for the next 12 months and will be supporting local communities and representing the county.

Kath Perry

He was elected to represent Tamworth on Staffordshire County Council in 2013 and has been a serving Tamworth Borough Councillor since 2010. He is married to Moira who will now support him as Chairman's Consort. He has three children and six granddaughters.

"I will be supporting local charities working for the welfare of premature babies; spina bifida; cancer; and dementia," he said.

Vice-chairman Kath Perry is the current County Councillor for the Cheslyn Hay, Essington and Great Wyrley division. She has served on Great Wyrley Parish Council for 11 years and has been a district councillor with South Staffordshire District Council for 22 years.

She has also served on a number of local and district bodies and scrutiny boards and is involved with many local organisations and charities.

"I'm really delighted with the appointment and it's a real honour and privilege to be chosen for the role," Councillor Perry said.

Cyclist killed in junction crash

A CYCLIST died after colliding with a van in south Staffordshire.

The crash happened on Straight Mile at the junction of Vicarage Road in Four Ashes, between the A449 Stafford Road and the A5 in Cannock, just after 9.50am on Wednesday last week.

Bystanders attempted CPR to help the man but he was pronounced dead at the scene by ambulance staff.

Staffordshire Police attended the scene along with West Midlands Ambulance Service. An air ambulance was also sent.

A spokesman for the police force said: "An investigation into the circumstances of the collision is now under way and witnesses are asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101, quoting incident number 188 of May 31."

Market cafe raising funds for toys stall

THE Community Centre Cafe at Rugeley Indoor Market is fundraising to buy new toys for its Xmas 4 Kids stall.

Proceeds from the stall, which will also have donated toys, go to Rugeley First Responders. The cafe opens on the first Thursday of the month at 10am.

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Cold calls prompt a warning on claims

BOGUS cold callers targeted a resident in Chasetown and visited their home trying to get them to sign up to a five-year home security deal.

The incident prompted a warning from police to make sure they carry out thorough checks on companies before making any commitment.

PCSO Deborah Barton said: "The resident had received a couple of cold calls from a company offering their services and arranged a home visit.

"During this visit the resident has been pursued to sign a five-year contract. The company has made lots of promises during this visit which persuaded the resident to agree.

"Since the visit the resident has had time to think and research some of the claims made which have turned out to be false.

"If you are looking at investing in or upgrading your home security we would urge you to do your research before inviting anyone to your house.

"Once you know the type of system you are looking for please get several quotes and never feel pressured in signing a contract."

● Residents have been reminded to make sure they close and lock their windows and doors during warm weather.

PCSO Teresa Nicholls, who operates in Essington and Featherstone, said: "Don't forget to lock your downstairs windows and doors."

Drivers have been given the same advice after police spotted a number of vehicles with their windows open outside shops in Burntwood.

Inspection offers 'chance to shine'

STAFF at Walsall Manor Hospital have been told to take their 'chance to shine' at a CQC inspection.

The Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs the hospital, was put into special measures in January 2016 after inspectors declared it was 'inadequate' overall.

Chief executive Richard Kirby says the trust is expecting its next inspection 'in the near future' and has urged staff to showcase improvements made in the last 18 months when the moment arrives.

He said: "We are working hard to ensure that teams across the trust are prepared for the CQC inspection that we expect in the near future.

"The key message to our staff at this stage is that the inspection provides their chance to shine."

Collection to help welfare of animals

LOCAL volunteers took to the streets of Rugeley town centre to raise money for Compassion in World Farming.

The £82.63 raised on May 13 will enable the charity to continue to campaign for better farm animal welfare.

Tolkien book hits shelves after 100 years

The 'new' book

IT was a book thought up in a Staffordshire village – and now, 100 years later, JRR Tolkien's book Beren and Luthien has been published.

The book was written by the Lord of the Rings author in Great Haywood after returning from fighting in the First World War.

JRR Tolkien fought in the battle of the Somme in June 1916 but contracted trench fever and was sent back to recover with his wife in the village.

During this time, he began writing his earliest fantasy works. It provided inspiration for the mythology and geography of what we now know as Middle-Earth.

Beren and Luthien has been edited by JRR Tolkien's son Christopher Tolkien, who is now 92.

JRR Tolkien's inspiration behind the two characters is his wife Edith dancing in a small woodland glade with hemlocks in East Yorkshire.

He later said the event made him think of the meeting of the immortal Lúthien Tinúviel and the mortal Beren in the glades beside Esgalduin.

It is about the fate of lovers Beren and Lúthien, a mortal man and an immortal elf who together try to steal from the greatest of all evil beings, Melkor. The book is illustrated by Alan Lee, who won an Academy Award for his work on Peter Jackson's film trilogy.

A spokesman for publishers HarperCollins said: "The epic tale of Beren and Lúthien will reunite fans of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings with elves and men, dwarves and orcs and the rich landscape and creatures unique to Tolkien's Middle-earth.

JRR Tolkien

Groups get prestigious award for generosity

TEN volunteer groups in Staffordshire have been honoured with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The organisations have all received awards for their outstanding contributions to their local communities.

They are Borderland Voices, Leek; C.R.E.S.T. Burton Upon Trent; Eccleshall Community First Responders; Engage Communities CIC, Tunstall; Gartmore Riding School RDA group, Lichfield; House of Bread, Stafford; Staffordshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs; Staffordshire Women's Aid, Stafford; The Alzheimer's Drop In Club, Stone; and The Right Stuff Project.

In the coming months, the groups will receive their certificate signed by the Queen along with an exclusive commemorative crystal to be presented by the Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Ian Dudson.

Mr Dudson said: "The continued success of organisations dependant on volunteers in Staffordshire is fantastic.

"Our society would be so much the poorer without the thousands of people who give their time freely to improve the lives of others in our communities – we are all extremely grateful."

Ready

"We are also proud that they maintain our position of being the shire county with the largest number of winners since the award was launched. I send them my warmest congratulations and I look forward to presenting their awards to each of them later in the year."

Michael Greatorex, chairman of Staffordshire County Council, said: "It's wonderful to see such diversity in the volunteer groups in Staffordshire.It is clear to me that the people of Staffordshire are always ready to help in any way they can without seeking reward."

A total of 224 UK volunteering groups have been honoured as recipients of this year's prestigious award.

Securing 10 winners in Staffordshire now ranks the county third in the country and to date a total of 72 local groups have received this annual award since it was created by the Queen to mark her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Anyone interested in getting started with volunteering and exploring flexible opportunities that suit their lifestyle can visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/volunteering or contact Support Staffordshire on 0300 777 1207.

Linda Ball, from Cannock, believes she has the UK's tallest Echium

Record for plant is up in the air

THIS garden plant stands at a giant 14ft 3in – taller than an average female giraffe.

It was planted as a seed 18 months ago by retired Linda Ball, of Cannock, who believes it is the largest of its kind grown in a garden in this country.

This Echium pininana, native to La Palma in the Canary Islands, is one of the many exotic flowers Linda has in the garden of the home she shares with husband David.

"It is 14ft 3in. It could be even bigger though as its leaning to one side, it was quite a difficult task to measure it – but we did," she said.

Elsewhere, in the last few days, Devon man John Phillips revealed a 14ft Echium in his back garden, while a 16ft plant resides in the glasshouse of the National Botanic Gardens of Wales.

However, the one grown by Linda will be gone soon. She said: "They last 24 months, so they are short-lived, and I'll have to take it down quite soon."

● Have you got a taller garden plant? Call 01902 319363 or email newsdesk@expressandstar.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Van drivers urged to protect vehicles

DRIVERS have been urged to take 'simple' crime prevention measures to prevent their vehicles being stolen.

Staffordshire Police have issued the warning to van owners.

PCSO Amanda Hales said: "Remove all items from view, including tools and work equipment. Remember to shut all windows and the sunroof.

"Ensure your vehicle is securely locked and that alarms or immobilisers are switched on."

Van owners are also able to register at immobilise.com where serial numbers and photos can be uploaded.

Canals group to select chairman

LICHFIELD & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust's annual general meeting will take place at Park View Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills tomorrow (Friday) at 7.15pm.

Among the items on the agenda is the election of a new chairman after David Dixon indicated he would not be standing for re-relection.

The guest speaker is Steve Wood, a member of the Inland Waterways Association's North Staffs & South Cheshire branch, Burslem Port Trust, and Caldon & Uttoxeter Canals Trust. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Band to play free concerts in park

A CONCERT band is to put on two free performances.

City of Lichfield Concert Band will be performing in Beacon Park's Museum Gardens on Sunday, June 11, and Sunday, June 25, between 2pm and 4pm.

The band will play a varied musical programme that is set to include show tunes, film themes, pop hits and classical greats.

To find out more, go to www.lichfieldhistoricparks.co.uk

Violin star's concert beamed into theatre

A LIVE performance from one of the world's leading classical artists will be beamed straight to Stafford Gatehouse Theatre.

André Rieu has announced his annual Maastricht concert will be beamed across the UK in celebration of his 30th year in music, including Stafford Gatehouse Theatre on Sunday, July 23.

Tickets for the live screening are £13 with a £10.50 concession price, available by calling 01785 619080.

Mini-market at church

A MINI-MARKET is to be held at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday from 9.30am to 11.15am. There will be the usual stalls selling quality items, a cafe serving homemade cakes and a 'no more than 50p' book sale. Call 07970 154667 or 01543 578827 for details.

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COUNTY NEWS

Property giant buys five sites

A BLACK Country property company has bought up around 100,000 sq ft of industrial and shop space in a multi-million pound string of deals.

London & Cambridge Properties (LCP), based in Kingswinford, has bought sites in Sheffield and Hull and three parades of shops, two in Derbyshire and one in Brough, near Hull for an undisclosed total.

The firm owns Wolverhampton's Wulfrun shopping centre, Dudley's Churchill Centre, Brierley Hill's Moor Centre, Park Place in Walsall and Aldridge Shopping Centre.

Commute costs workers 16 days

NEW research has found that 71.7 per cent of workers in Birmingham are losing up to 16 days a year commuting to and from work.

The survey of 1,200 workers, for independent job board CV-Library also indicated that 10.3 per cent commute for up to four hours a day.

The percentage commuting to work five days a week was 81.8 per cent. Of professionals 65.2 per cent say that they enjoy their commute, but 64.7 per cent would relocate for a shorter trip and 56.4 per cent would turn down a job that required a longer commute.

Landlords using agents on rise

THE number of landlords who use a letting agent to help manage their property has increased since the end of last year, according to a recent survey of investors.

Research for the National Landlords' Association found 61 per cent currently use a letting agent to manage their properties, a rise of seven per cent since the end of 2016.

The proportion of landlords who self-manage has decreased by nearly 10 per cent over the last year.

Festival to share ideas for projects

A 'SHARING' festival is taking place over 10 days this month.

Share Fest will see people take part in a variety of projects and provide more than 50 opportunities to share skills and knowledge. It will run from June 9 to 18 across Dudley and help increase awareness of projects taking place.

Organisers are also looking to launch a number of new projects.

Visit www.colabdudley.net for more information.

Ex-Wolves boss talk

FORMER Wolves manager Dean Saunders will be an after'dinner speaker at a Dudley hotel on June 30.

Ex-sports presenter Bob Hall will host the event, with the former Wales international forward, who also played for Aston Villa. Tickets cost £24 and are available on 01384 888830.

Election line-up: Cannock Chase, South Staffs & Lichfield

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Paul Ray (Liberal Democrat)

LICHFIELD
Chris Worsey (Labour)

Library's closure is 'hard to stomach'

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD multi-million pound library is to close in a matter of weeks after last-ditch attempts to keep it open failed.

Pelsall Library cost £5 million and was opened in 2012 by Prince Edward but it has now been confirmed it will close on June 30 as Walsall Council looks to save £86m by 2020.

The library, which campaigners say is the second-most visited in the Walsall borough, had been earmarked for closure last year but after nearly 2,000 people signed a petition, it had been hoped that an agreement could be reached with the local authority.

However, despite the council agreeing to look again at the proposed closure, this has failed.

Pelsall councillor Garry Perry said: "This is indeed a most regrettable act and one we find hard to stomach.

"However, as you will know from my updates, I have – supported by my colleagues Councillors Marco Longhi and Carl Bennett – been looking at alternative ways of keeping a 'loaning facility' alive at Pelsall in addition to using the space creatively. To this end, I can confirm that all existing groups who operate from the library will continue to do so.

"We are working with a community partner, Brownhills Community Association, on a collaborative model to make the most of the space."

Beechdale, Blakenall, New Invention, Pleck, Pheasey, Rushall, South Walsall and Walsall Wood libraries will also close.

'Cheer on riders' in women's race

PEOPLE are being encouraged to get out and watch some of the world's top cyclists passing through Staffordshire today (Thursday).

About 100 competitors, including Olympic, world and European champions, will be racing through the county for the second stage of the Ovo Energy Women's Tour.

Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for communities, Gill Heath, said: "Some people will be taking a picnic to the best vantage points.

"Much of the racing is during the lunchtime period, so people can also pop out from work, catch sight of this striking event and cheer the cyclists on," she added.

Details of the route and timings can be found at www.womenstour.co.uk/stages/stage-2/

Three men arrested over car break-ins

THREE men have been arrested after a spate of car break-ins as well as the theft of bicycle in Penkridge.

Five cars were targeted in Haling Road, Bellbrook and Francis Green Lane, between Wednesday night and Thursday morning last week.

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Summer drink-drive campaign to launch

MOTORISTS getting behind the wheel while under the influence of drink and drugs are being targeted in a summer crackdown by police.

Officers will be targeting the drivers, who the force say put their own and others' lives at risk, in the month-long operation.

Last Christmas a similar campaign saw more than 250 people fail roadside tests or refuse to give a sample.

A further 40 were positive for drugs, which was a third of those tested.

Traffic officers are warning of the risks of basking in the warm weather with an alcoholic drink and then getting behind the wheel.

Roadside stop checks and unmarked patrols will be used by officers from West Midlands Police and the Central Motorway Police Group (CMPG). Officers will act on intelligence to catch irresponsible drivers.

Sgt Mark Bull, from West Midlands road policing, said: "There are big risks involved with drink or drug driving – not only are you risking killing or injuring yourself or others you also risk losing your licence and potentially your livelihood.

"Such behaviour is totally unacceptable," he added.

As part of the campaign, a driving simulator will be based across the region throughout June to allow people to see the effects of alcohol on driving.

Anyone with information on a suspected drink or drug driver can call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Charity in search for more helpers

A CAMPAIGN has been launched by the Beacon Centre to encourage new volunteers to join its ranks.

The sight-loss charity already has more than 250 volunteers who offer vital support for those living with sight loss across the region.

Now, a series of new roles has become available – and those who may not have considered volunteering are being urged to think about having a go. Among the roles available are retail positions, particularly in Beacon's Penkridge, Bloxwich and Wednesbury shops; the chance to offer technology support to those who want to learn how to use a computer; and the opportunity to volunteer to offer support at the eye infirmary in Wolverhampton.

Call Becky on 01902 880111.

Pick up a plant at stately home's fair

A PLANT fair is being held at a Staffordshire stately home on Sunday.

The event at Sandon Hall, the ancestral home of the Earls of Harrowby, is taking place from 11am to 4pm with admission £3 on the door.

Fears for the future of Setter breed

A breed at risk? Picture: Sue Blackmore

FOUR dog breeders from Staffordshire are highlighting their concerns for the future of Irish Red and White Setters, which are at risk of disappearing from Britain for good.

It follows new figures released by the Kennel Club, which holds a registry for pedigree dog births. The Irish Red and White Setter breed is thought to be as rare as the Giant Panda.

Gillian and Graham Hart, whose kennel name is Gilliegrae Setters, and Gail and Ian Lamb, whose kennel name is Casafelice Setters, are raising their concerns after there were only 63 puppy registrations for the breed in 2016 – the lowest number in over 30 years.

And there were only two puppies registered in the first quarter of 2017 compared with to in the same period in 2016. Meanwhile, there has been nearly a 40 per cent decrease in the last three years alone.

The Harts and the Lambs believe, along with the Kennel Club and Irish Red and White Setter Club of Great Britain, that this is because there is no public appetite for the breed, because people simply do not know it exists. If numbers continue to decline, it is anticipated that the breed could eventually disappear entirely in the UK in as little as a few years' time.

Gail Lamb, from Tamworth, said: "They are truly lovely dogs so we hope we can encourage more people to consider them as an option when choosing which breed might be right for their lifestyle."

Gillian Hart, from Stafford, said: "We would recommend that anyone thinking about getting a dog speaks to the breed club or to a Kennel Club Assured Breeder."

Surgeon is jailed after women left disfigured

A 'MONSTER' surgeon has been jailed for 15 years after he carried out a raft of needless breast operations, leaving his victims scarred and disfigured.

Ian Paterson was convicted of 17 counts of wounding with intent and three counts of unlawful wounding against 10 patients last month.

Among his victims was a Burntwood woman who told the court she was 'conned' by him after he advised her it would avoid 'full-blown breast cancer' and a Cheslyn Hay woman who had two 'unnecessary operations' which left her unable to breastfeed.

Ian Paterson

Frances Perks, from Burntwood, stood outside the court in solidarity with others affected afterwards.

She said she hoped he meets 'some really nice people in [prison]' and would never be released.

Ms Perks added: "We can't walk away from the scars, so why should he?"

The surgeon also operated on Leanne Joseph from Cheslyn Hay who could no longer breastfeed after his actions.

She was left paranoid and developed OCD after later giving birth, fearing for the immune system of her daughter who is now eight years old.

Sentencing the surgeon, of Altrincham, Greater Manchester, at Nottingham Crown Court, Judge Jeremy Baker told him: "You deliberately played upon their worst fears, either by inventing or deliberately exaggerating the risk that they would develop cancer, and thereby gained their trust and confidence to consent to the surgical procedures."

Paterson, aged 59, was handed 15 years for each count of wounding with intent, and four years for each count of unlawful wounding, all to run concurrently.

Carole Johnson, who went under Paterson's knife six times in seven years, told the court that Paterson was a 'monster'.

His trial heard harrowing evidence from 10 of his patients who were treated in the private sector between 1997 and 2011 at Little Aston and Parkway hospitals in the West Midlands.

The victims – nine women and one man – told the court they believed they were seriously ill after seeing Paterson. The NHS has paid out nearly £18 million, of which £9.5 million was damages, following claims from 800 patients.

Frances Perks, in pink, leaves court after surgeon Ian Paterson was sentenced

50,000 take part in clinical research trials

MORE than 50,000 people took part in clinical research trials in the West Midlands in one year.

The Clinical Research Network West Midlands has published figures for 2016-17 as NHS organisations celebrated International Clinical Trials Day. The event is held to raise awareness on how patients could contribute to research.

It celebrates the anniversary of the first clinical trial by James Lind in 1747 into the causes of scurvy on board the HMS Salisbury.

Various activities took place around the region to mark the day, including a school visit by a research bus, a research café and research showcases.

All trusts in the West Midlands are research-active, together with 410 GP practices, and the network is the highest recruiting of the 15 networks in England for commercial studies.

Participating in health research helps develop new treatments, improve the NHS and save lives. Studies show that research-active trusts have better outcomes for patients.

To find out about healthcare research studies running locally, visit www.ukctg.nihr.ac.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Motorcyclist, 24, injured in crash

A MOTORCYCLIST was injured in a crash involving a car in Cannock.

The incident happened in Fieldhouse Road, last Wednesday at 3.30pm. The 24-year-old rider came off his machine and suffered chest, shoulder and head injuries.

He was taken to Royal Stoke University Hospital. West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Murray McGregor said: "The man was wearing a helmet but no protection gear."

Police closed off the road while the patient was taken to hospital and the wreckage cleared.

Look out for fleas plea to pet owners

PETS at Home Cannock is urging people to regularly check for fleas as the weather gets warmer.

The retailer is highlighting how to protect homes and pets from fleas, including tips on what temperature to wash pets' bedding and which key areas of the home to clean.

Store manager Emma Harding said: "Fleas can be a very nasty – and quick to expand – problem for pets, particularly if left untreated. Long-term flea infestation is very irritating to the pet.

"It's vital to check not only your pet but also your home," she added.

Computer shop in theft warning

A COMPUTER firm is warning people to be vigilant after it was targeted by distraction thieves.

Burntwood Computer Centre, off the Swan Island in Burntwood, had an iPad stolen after a woman and two men targeted the shop.

Two of them distracted shop staff, while a third stole the tablet. The incident happened at 12.30pm on Tuesday last week. Ben Warke, from the shop, said: "We want to make businesses aware of these individuals."

Summer ball team in sponsors appeal

A SUMMER ball will take place next week to raise money for adults with learning difficulties.

Rockspur is holding the event at Hawkesyard Hall in Rugeley on Friday, June 16.

It will include a four-course meal, a disco and a magician. All proceeds raised from the night will help run additional activities.

Tickets cost £50 and the event is also after sponsors. Those interested can email yanbeel@hotmail.com.

Walk from Craven Arms

CHASE Ramblers are embarking on an eight-mile moderate walk from Craven Arms, Shropshire, this Sunday. The meeting point is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For details call Tom or Jen on 01889 586168. New walkers are welcome.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

It's time to invest in something really funny

A NEW study by an academic at Birmingham City University reveals great swathes of the population crying out for what is now known as a "traditional sitcom", ie one that is funny.

Reactions were analysed on three sitcoms, the slapstick Miranda, the American "1980s period comedy" Everybody Hates Chris, and the joke-free romantic comedy Gavin & Stacey.

She said Gavin & Stacey divided opinion: "Some viewers really enjoyed feeling invested in the characters and their relationships, others argued that the lack of jokes suggested that the writers just weren't able to make a 'real' sitcom."

Two things spring to mind. Firstly, couldn't they find three better comedies than this? How about Dad's Army? Reginald Perrin? One Foot in the Grave?

And who actually finds Gavin and Stacey funny? I saw it once, it didn't raise a single laugh. Not one. If I want to feel "invested", I will call my stockbroker.

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ANOTHER glossy card from my local car dealer, telling me that as a VIP customer I will be allowed to attend a special, invitation-only event, where I will get the opportunity to, er, buy a car.

Which begs the question of what would happen if somebody turned up uninvited, with a big sack of money, offering to pay list price for the most expensive car in the showroom. Presumably a couple of burly bouncers would bundle them out, telling them gatecrashers are not welcome. Or maybe I'm becoming a cynic.

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A COUPLE of weeks ago I argued that as there was no significant rail network in the Black Country, people here would find it hard to stomach paying more tax to subsidise well-heeled commuters in London. Environmentalist Tim Weller has been in touch, and raises some interesting questions which do deserve answers.

Tim calls for the reopening of the mothballed line connecting Stourbridge and Dudley to Burton-upon Trent which would effectively open-up a 75-mile link between Worcester and Derby, as well as putting the Black Country back on the national rail map.

But instead, for reasons never properly explained, the powers-that-be seem intent on using a small piece of that valuable line, from Wednesbury to Brierley Hill, for the "bus on rails" that is the Midland Metro. This would make it impossible to run a proper rail service on that stretch.

Tim wonders why the Metro, which would cost £30 million per km to install, is favoured over restoring the old rail service, which would cost less than £6 million per km. Maybe somebody would like to challenge this but it seems to me that the Black Country would benefit far more from a fast rail service linking it to the rest of the country than a slow tram running for just a few miles.

Blue Peter legend's passing among the politics

RIP John Noakes, a proper children's TV daredevil, seen with his beloved Shep

Dianne Abbott, who says she has moved on from her previous stance on Northern Ireland

The ginormously talented TV historian Lucy Wordsley, not scirting the skeduled issue

Walk away advice is PC gone mad

SOME days before the NHS computer crash and BA's micro-chip mix-up, my old PC's screen suddenly filled with dire warnings, klaxon sounds and an American voice telling me to ring this number immediately. I hadn't a clue what was going on, so I did what I always do in times of PC crisis. I switched it off and went for a long walk.

WHEN I started the computer up again, all the warnings had vanished. I assume it was some low-grade attempt either to extract information, demand a ransom fee or both. Just to be safe, I downloaded all my files on to a memory stick. It took ages but gives me a great sense of security.

I COMMENTED on Lucy Worsley pronouncing "schedule" as "skedule" in her latest historical show, about Jane Austen. It gets worse. One TV reviewer reported that Worsley twice used the word "ginormous." Miss Austen would probably shudder and reach for the smelling salts.

IF you are of a certain age, you will probably remember John Noakes, who died this week, as the daft-as-a-brush Blue Peter presenter, paddling in the excrement of that incontinent baby elephant, or making yet another pointless Christmas present from a wire coathanger and a Fairy Liquid bottle. Think again. Have a look at his 1970s ascent of Nelson's Column on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p4Y-FCJETmwI) in the days before health and safety. With not even a hard helmet or a safety rope, Noakes climbs the column on a series of ladders, including one horrific, gravity-defying overhang. One slip and he would have been dead. Yet he shows not a trace of fear, not a hint of regret. I'm not sure whether he was brave or foolish but what a great performer he was.

A SECOND reader takes up the cudgels against the term "lone wolf" to describe a terrorist, a word which denigrates the noble wolf. While we're at it, he asks for the derogatory term "cowboy" to be banned. He knows his stuff, having worked with cowboys in the Rockies. They were, he says, "particularly hard working, skilled and professional people."

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE official election leaflet has just arrived from our local Labour candidate. It contains not a single mention of Jeremy Corbyn.

LOTS of visitors to the Chelsea Flower Show went home clutching brochures for "natural swimming ponds." This is the cool, green alternative to a chlorine-drenched swimming pool in your back garden. For between £60,000 and £90,000 the contractors will dig a hole, waterproof it and give you a place where you can swim among the newts, frogs and dragonflies, and sneer at your less nature-minded neighbours. I have a pal who made himself a swimming pond long before they became fashionable. It involved a weekend with a JCB and cost a lot less than sixty grand. His wife swims in it almost every day of the year and he has recently dragged an old dinghy onto it where one can sit at sunset and, while wobbling gently, put the world to rights with a G&T and a frog chorus. Bliss.

DIANE Abbott says she may once have hoped for a British defeat by the IRA, but has changed her mind, just as she has changed her hairstyle. So that's all right, then. Let's hope she doesn't suddenly go for a cut and blow-dry and emerge from the salon cheerleading some other bunch of murdering psychopaths.

ABBOTT tries to distance herself from her pro-IRA days by repeating that it was 34 years ago. That makes it worse. For she was praying for the Brits to lose the struggle in Ulster at a time when the IRA were committing atrocities on the British mainland such as the Hyde Park bombings (11 soldiers and seven horses killed) and the Harrods bombing

(three police and three civilians killed, 90 injured). Her views back then were shared by only a tiny, rabid number of extremists. The passing of time is utterly irrelevant and her favourite phrase "moving on" does not wash.

A READER shares my view on the unfair funding of Alzheimer's treatment, with some patients subsidised by the state and others driven into penury by care-home fees. He suggests we learn a lesson from old lags. If you seem to be developing dementia, commit a serious crime. That way, you get 24/7 care in a warm, dry, comfortable prison with three meals a day, constant medical attention and no worries about security. And it doesn't cost you a penny.

AUF wiedersehen, pets. We have just bade a fond farewell to our German friends, over here for a few days for the first time in five years. Nothing seemed to have changed, apart from the arrival of their son, now 22 months. Turns out entertaining a German Terrible Two is much the same as an English Terrible Two. Fill a small watering can mit Wasser and watch them find endless amusement in watering the plants, the lawn, the grown-ups, the cat and anything else. Mehr is a most useful German word. It means more, as in "mehr Wasser," "mehr Trampolin" and "mehr Katze." If anything makes a two-year-old shriek with laughter, you know he'll want mehr.

TALKING POINT

Sat navs will send us round the bend

SO, the sat nav's on, we've got a half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses... Hit it!

But hold on a minute Elwood – why are we going down this single carriageway track?

Yes, not exactly going according to plan with the Blues Brothers' movie script, as they start on their journey across America – in the film which surely is the antithesis of 'satnavism'.

And yet, from December, UK learner drivers will be expected to ditch their map and sign reading skills – as knowing how to use the computerised directions-giver will become part of the actual driving test.

Is this not surely a recipe for disaster? The daily calamities of the feckless lorry driver whose HGV gets stuck under a bridge because they followed that annoying female voice to their doom, are all too common.

And, how many times do we see road signs proclaiming: Do NOT follow sat nav directions.

Well, if that is the case, what is the blooming point of them at all?

Admittedly, for your actual door-to-door travel, without the hassle of having to worry whether you have missed a turn or not, on one-off journeys, they have some worth. But complete reliance?

And as the development of the devices get more all-singing, all dancing, we could be faced with a future where we don't even view the road ahead at all, well apart from the possible introduction of driverless cars themselves.

I foresee a superhacker getting hold of the software/hardware (don't ask a dunce like me to differentiate!) which controls driverless cars of the future, and a convoy of thousands screaming down the M5 towards the cliffs of Lands End and the watery grave of the Atlantic.

How many times as well, does that soulless voice with BBCesque pronunciation get it completely wrong, either with the road name itself, or more frequently, with the number of junctions at a traffic island? Sometimes, slip roads are counted and that only adds to the confusion.

Once I ended up, in search of a hotel in Liverpool, going round a roundabout, obviously looking completely like a tourist with impatient scallies all around me, and took the wrong turn-off, only to end up on a lovely sight-seeing tour of the Wallasey Tunnel.

To add insult to injury, we then had to pay a toll to come all the way back again.

However, occasionally, only very occasionally mind, the sat nav mistress does actually provide revelationary miles-chopping routes across lovely country lanes.

Then of course, being the perfect driver who scoffs at reliance on anything but my own excellent internal atlas, it takes twice as long to get back home. And I couldn't even blame the tractors.

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Carter to go a step further in Ironkids

Carter Chatting with his father Matthew, sister Monica and mother Lucy

BEING diagnosed with leukaemia would be enough to slow anyone down, but not five-year-old Carter Chatting.

After being diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia in January 2016, Carter and his family set about raising funds for the oncology unit at Birmingham's Children Hospital, where he has to attend regularly.

That meant signing up for last year's Ironkids Staffordshire, completing the course on his father Matthew's shoulders and raising nearly £4,500.

Now, this year, he's hoping to go one better – along with nearly 40 of his friends – and walk some of the way himself. And Carter's family, from Lichfield, are encouraging other children and young people to sign up for Ironkids, whether it's to raise money for a charity, or to challenge themselves.

Favourite

Carter's mother Lucy said: "Carter had a really great time at Ironkids Staffordshire last time, and we raised lots of money for the oncology unit at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

"It was definitely one of his favourite events of last year, so he's excited to be able to do it again with so many of his friends." Mark Winnington, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for economic growth, said: "Carter is truly an inspiration to everyone taking part in Ironman.

"I hope he and his friends have a fantastic day, and I know people will be cheering him all the way on June 17."

Ironkids is open to children aged three to 14. Parents or guardians need to complete an entry form at http://www.ironkids.co.uk

Carter's JustGiving page can be found at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carterthebrave

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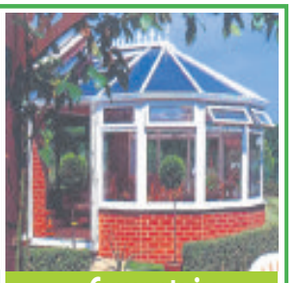
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Why is site still empty?

WITH reference to Councillor Mike Wilcox's comment "We don't want to see a site left empty now the power station has closed" (Chronicle, May 25).

So why is the site of the old Nursery Fields School still empty after 13 years?

The school closed in August 2004 and nothing has been done with it.

It's a real messy area and does nothing for Brereton.

When will something be done about it?

SYLV WATKISS
Brereton

Going mad over Brexit

PLEASE do something about the word Brexit; it's sending us all mad.

We have absconded from the biggest contract in the world and upset 27 countries.

When you break a contract, regrettably we have to pay for it.

V ROSA
Cannock

Clock has been turned back 70 years

WHAT a dilemma in the General Election – the Tories ensuring the rich get richer at the expense of the poor majority or the Labour Party steering a ship without a rudder.

The others not worth a mention. The two main parties have turned the clock back 70 years. The young cannot buy houses, the soup kitchens are now called food banks.

The Tories propose to spend £80bn on a railway 99 per cent of the population will never use, purchased with borrowed money and constructed by Germans. You couldn't make it up. The sad fact is, had Nigel Farage remained as leader of UKIP, he would have been the best Prime Minister this century.

Conclusion – no UKIP, no vote.

P BLAINE
Burntwood

Everything's OK until the bailiffs turn up

NOW we have it – the Labour's 'cunning plan', as formulated by Baldrick himself: borrow billions more!

No mentions of the almost two trillion debt we already have.

But don't worry, your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be paying it, just like we are now paying for previous Labour's PFI which is the reason hospitals and schools cannot now pay their way.

It's all going to be paid for by an improved economy – and who is going to improve the economy?

Not Labour politicians, but businessmen whom Labour is now going to soak with higher taxes on themselves and their businesses.

Great planning – did they get Ms Abbott to do the figures?

Still, look on the bright side; £10 an hour for everyone, a house for everyone (including the millions of unrestricted immigrants that Corbyn will permit as part of European negotiations).

Nurses will no longer need food banks (my daughter's a nurse and she doesn't use a food bank).

As every household will know, it's lovely not to have to live within your means – until the bailiffs come knocking.

C FALCONI
Rugeley

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A wish list like no other

INEPT, delusional and crass are how I would describe Labour's manifesto. It's a wish list like no other. Surely the electorate understand the reality of borrowing excessively. Every shadow minister has been pressed to explain their budget. Diane Abbott was one that had several attempts to explain the costings of the police; she simply didn't know.

MR A ALLPORT
Huntington

Politicians compete for fairness

POLITICAL parties compete for fairness within a system based on unfairness.

In the science of political economy, labour power is, besides the earth, the only source of wealth, which is why for thousands of years it has been subjected to the tyrannical rule of each exploiting class.

Capital itself creates no wealth and is only the stored-up produce of labour power. As the productive forces grow, they become increasingly capital intensive, raising the rate of fixed costs. The rate of variable costs, wages, the only source of surplus value, is constantly falling.

This contradiction means that the collapse of capitalism is inevitable.

Only when the creators of wealth own the means of producing it, will they be able to enjoy the full fruits of their labour and end the absurdity of economic crises forever.

KEVIN WILCOX
Hammerwich

Sold-off industries become monopolies

THE Tories say they will cap prices on the energy companies, but don't say for how long.

Some of us remember when they privatised them, saying it would lead to cheaper prices and greater efficiency.

The same can be said for every industry they sold off, but they all end up as monopolies, as cartels with prices fixed artificially high.

If they get in for another five years, there will be nothing left of our NHS.

And it will be like their precious Yankee land where if you become ill, hard luck unless you are rich enough to pay for it.

Still, it isn't all bad news and at least we can shout 'tally ho' as we ride off for a jolly spot of fox hunting.

T R MILLWARD
Chasetown

I do not want candidates from outside dumped on us

WHY do the residents have to put up with potential candidates to be our MP not coming from the local area?

I personally feel, to represent your constituency you need to live in the constituency and have spent time in it, so I think you should have to have lived in the constituency for a qualifying period before you are eligible to stand.

That could be 12/24 months. Of our list of candidates, two live in the constituency, one lives in Shrewsbury, one in Stafford, and one in Rugeley. Having someone dumped in the area that promises to work for the local community and represent its needs does not sit well with me.

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In swing for 71st anniversary

Etchinghill WI

MEMBERS were celebrating the club's 71st birthday and tables were adorned with pretty home-made floral centrepieces.

Newly-elected president Ann Ingleby welcomed classical guitarist Ron Thomas, who entertained members with music from several genres. He played pieces by composers who included Erik Satie, Edward 'Duke' Ellington, Jean Reinhardt and Neal Hefti, who composed the music for the Batman TV series in the 1960s.

The Beatles were included with Here Comes the Sun, Here, There and Everywhere and When I'm 64. Members sang along to Don McLean's tribute to Vincent Van Gogh, Starry, Starry Night. Ron ended his enthralling performance with Cavatina, composed by Stanley Myers, originally written for the film The Walking Stick in 1970 but better known as the theme for The Deer Hunter.

A very tasty buffet supper of cold meats, a selection of salads, pickles and desserts, all provided and enjoyed by the members, followed. The birthday cake, made by Betty Watkin, was cut by the president and longest serving member Frances Brian.

The WI has been fundraising for a defibrillator and this has now been installed at the village hall. A coffee morning is being organised for Wednesday June 14 10.30am for the inauguration. The speaker at that day's meeting will be Janet Diamond on her experiences as a Wimbledon umpire.

Pianist saves day and holds key to success

Jazz pianist Roger Browne and chairman Pam Clarke

Cannock and District Ladies Probus

THE club's annual lunch was held at The Chase Golf Club with 85 members attending, including members and chairmen Peter Arnold, Sheila Yard, and Paul Snape of other Probus in the region.

Despite the late withdrawal of the scheduled speaker, it proved to be an enjoyable success in the leadership of experienced chairman Pam Clarke.

Grace was said by Margaret Thompson and a Toast to Absent Friends given by vice-chairman Sheila Burrows.

The speaker, Town Crier Ken Knowles, had cancelled due to health problems, and speaker secretary Chrissie Caseley-Whereat had to use her initiative to find a replacement within two days. Luckily Roger Browne from Stockport Probus came to the rescue and delivered light entertainment in the form of his individual style of jazz and musical theatre in a 'journey from New Orleans to New York'.

Del Johnson gave the vote of thanks. After a three-course meal and entertainment, guests had the opportunity to win one of 20 raffle prizes.

Fond memories of school days

Cannock TG

CANNOCK Townswomen enjoyed a trip down memory lane at their most recent meeting.

Speaker Michael Taylor gave a talk on 'A slip of the pen' and brought back fond memories of school days. He entertained with a compilation of funny quotes from some of his pupils and read 'The Highway Man', transporting members to bygone days.

One member, Pauline Smith, was in his class about 44 years ago. A most enjoyable evening. The chosen charity for last year was KAITY caring for young people with arthritis. The group has a number of events and speakers, planned throughout the year.

Further details can be found on Cannock Chase and District Townswomen's Guild's Facebook web page, or by ringing Pauline on 07960 459746.

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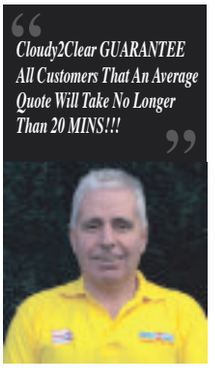

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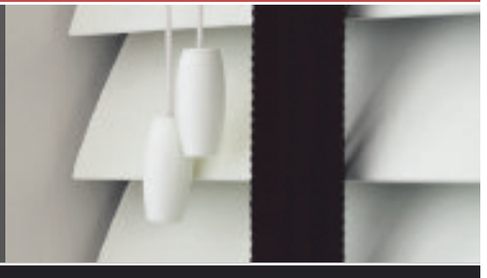

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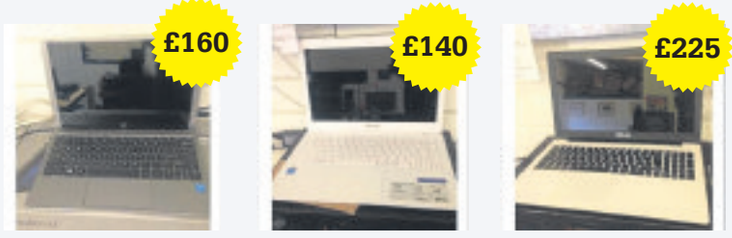

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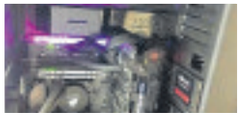

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Mystery solved – park to get sculpture back

THE mystery over the disappearance of a park's popular woodpecker sculpture has been solved – and it's not down to thieves.

Visitors to Hednesford Park feared the wooden artwork, installed earlier this year, had been stolen or destroyed by vandals.

But council chiefs said the 'delicate' sculpture simply came away from its base due to the wood of the base not being thick enough, and artist Robot Cossey has been repairing it before returning it to the park.

People were left querying the disappearance of the sculpture after a dog walker spotted its base was there minus the bird.

Rumours began circulating on Facebook that it had been smashed off and stolen to be sold off.

Delicate

But a spokeswoman for Cannock Chase District Council said: "For this particular sculpture, the base of the wood wasn't as thick as we would have liked due to the species of the tree.

"As a consequence of this, the woodpecker was delicate and has come away from the tree stump."

Mr Cossey carved the woodpecker for the park earlier this year after previous sculptures, including a rabbit, were so well received.

The wooden sculptures are made from trees in the park's tree avenue that needed attention.

Councillor Christine Mitchell, who is in charge of culture and sport at the council, previously said: "These sculptures are a beautiful addition to the park and have attracted a lot of public interest.

"They have encouraged people who would not have necessarily visited the park to pop along and see the art pieces on show."

The woodpecker in all its glory . . .

. . . and the base appears empty

Bat walks at wildlife HQ

NATURE lovers who want to find out more about bats have been invited to join a series of moonlit walks at a wildlife charity's headquarters.

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has teamed up with Staffordshire Bat Group to host a series of bat walks at its Wolseley Centre base, near Rugeley.

The walks take place on Friday, June 16 and Saturday, July 15 between 9pm and 11pm and on Friday, August 18 between 8pm and 10.30pm.

The centre is home to a number of bat species including common and soprano pipistrelle, daubentons and noctule.

Sam Pachner, conference and events officer at the trust, said: "The Wolseley Centre has a number of bat boxes these amazing creatures can make a home in, so there's a great chance people who attend the walks will see a good number of them."

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Cubs carve out a bee beach in park

The Lichfield Somers Cub Pack alongside the bee beach next to the park's poppy field

CUBS in Lichfield have created a 'bee beach' in Beacon Park to help the insects reproduce.

Along with park volunteers, the Lichfield Somers Cub Pack dug out a large bee silhouette in a patch of grass next to the park's poppy field which was later filled with sand.

The idea for the bee beach came about following a visit from Andy Jukes, from Staffordshire Invertebrate Group, who advised the team at Beacon Park that unused golf bunkers are the ideal habitat for solitary bees. However, as the park's golf course bunkers are all in use, the team decided to create a new one in an area being developed for wildlife.

It is hoped the sand-filled area will act as a nesting site for solitary bees who like overgrown grass, earth and sand.

Pack leader Richard Taylor said: "We had a fantastic morning. The parks team helped the Cubs to understand the importance of making habitats for the wildlife."

Park volunteer Caroline Blundell said: "It is great to work with such enthusiastic groups like the Cubs."

£2m band of volunteers

A HOSPICE has thanked volunteers who donate more than £2 million worth of their time every year.

St Giles Hospice has worked out that its volunteers give more than 6,000 hours a week to the charity, which, if paid at minimum wage, would equate to around £2.3 million every year.

Volunteers services manager Amy Moore said: "When we did the calculations, we knew the numbers would be big, as we are lucky enough to be supported by almost 1,500 volunteers.

But this figure is phenomenal, and we wanted to take the opportunity during Volunteer Week to thank every single one of the people who support us by giving their time so generously.

"Our volunteers work in a broad range of roles, from staffing our shops to offering complementary therapies and running our peer support groups.

"While many bring experience from their professional lives, lots of people develop completely new skills through our training and the opportunities for new experiences as part of the St Giles team. We benefit so much from the support of our volunteers, and the feedback we receive is that they benefit too from the social interaction, feeling part of a team and confidence building."

St Giles is holding volunteer events at its site in Whittington, near Lichfield, between 6pm and 7pm on Thursday, June 22, Thursday, July 27, Tuesday, August 29, Tuesday, October 26 and Tuesday, December 12.

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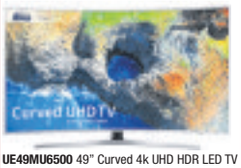

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Organisers' delight as 70,000 attend the County Show

ABOUT 70,000 people visited last week's Staffordshire County Show, equalling the highest numbers on record.

The warm weather on Wednesday and Thursday saw crowds enjoy live music, animal shows, a motorcycle display team and Young Farmers floats.

Richard Williams, chief executive of the Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Society, which runs the event at the showground on Weston Road, Stafford, said he was pleased with how it went.

He said: "We have seen thousands of people through the gates, which is great news once again for all involved.

"The weather conditions on both days were perfect – the sun was out, and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, but it wasn't too hot for the animals too.

"People started arriving earlier this year, we were filling up at 9am.

"There were people from every generation wherever you looked, the feedback is that it's a friendly show, people enjoy coming as a visitor and exhibitor."

The Coslett-Blaizes – Ethel, aged eight months, with parents Darren and Emily

Gaining

Mr Williams said he is delighted at the success of the virtual judging for dairy cows, which had been visited at their farms before the event with the winner revealed on screen.

"We are gaining more agriculture here each year – both stands, machinery and livestock," he said.

"That is the history of the show and the main reason people come, so we were delighted to be bursting at the seams for sheep, and the pigs were well supported too."

Thousands of children enjoyed the Woodfest area where they toasted marshmallows and watched and took part in traditional woodland crafts with the Forest of Mercia.

Visitors also enjoyed a vintage machinery parade, the Mounted Games Association competition, sheep shearing competitions, award winning livestock, bandstand concerts, and live demonstrations from all areas of the industry.

Mr Williams said planning for 2018 had already started and, once again, new attractions and entertainment would be included.

The warm weather saw crowds enjoy a host of attractions

Dark tale with a modern warning

REVIEW The Crucible at the New Alexandra Theatre

THE Crucible seems to resonate with the world today, even though it was written in the 1950s, and set in a time more than 300 years ago.

Just as fake news today spreads like wildfire across social media and can destroy a reputation or lead to pillory and isolation, so the lies told by the young girls in this story were fed rapidly through the whole community with tragic consequences.

A witch-hunt is launched as the townsfolk try to find something or someone to blame for a mystery illness which has afflicted two children.

A mob mentality develops as the 'witches' are identified and a paranoid fear grows as fingers are pointed at anyone who does not support the campaign of fear. And as the clergy and then the town jump to the wrong conclusions and hysteria follows, their flock hear only what they want to hear as dozens of women are taken away.

The Arthur Miller classic is a dark and heavy piece based on the Salem witch trials which took place in Massachusetts in 1692-93. Miller's work was a response to McCarthyism and the ostracising by the US government of Communists.

At the heart of the story are farmer John Proctor, played by Eoin Slattery, who is filled with self recrimination after a dalliance with servant Abigail Williams, and his desperately honest and decent wife Elizabeth, played by Victoria Yeates, best known for her role in Call the Midwife. The indignant and wounded Abigail, played by Lucy Keirl, wreaks her revenge upon the family for being thrown out.

Playing Reverend Hale, the clergyman who naively sets the witch-hunt in motion, is played by Charlie Condou who became a household name as Marcus Dent in Coronation Street.

The set is simple, dark and eerie, reflecting the subject and the era well. There seemed, however, some issues with sound as some of the characters' lines were not always clear.

In all, a classic tale which has stood the test of time and will resonate with audiences today as much as it did 60 years ago. Runs until Saturday.

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Wagons roll! Machines ready to hit the road in £5m blitz on 13,000 potholes

The pothole 'zapping' velocity patching machines will work alongside traditional crews to tackle more potholes

Potholes such as this one in Love Lane, Great Wyrley, have caused an outcry

Hill Street in Hednesford has also had it problems with poor road surface quality

Councillor Mark Deaville, left, with Kenneth Dunn, a member of the team repairing potholes

MORE than 13,000 potholes in Staffordshire will be filled using four new patching machines.

Staffordshire County Council has announced a £5 million investment in the next year to combat the problem – one of the biggest issues facing the county in recent years.

The pothole 'zapping' velocity patching machines will work alongside traditional crews to tackle more potholes and carry out wider hotspot patching where there are a number of potholes. The initiative began with the council using the machines to fill in potholes along John Amery Drive in Rising Brook, Stafford.

Councillor Mark Deaville, cabinet member with responsibility for highways and transport, said the drive would help the county council clear the backlog of historical 'low-risk' potholes. He said: "These new machines do small defects, it can do a lot of work in a small amount of time.

"We've got a massive road network of more than 6,000km.

"We all use our roads, they're essential to all of us. It's essential we go about our everyday life on the roads as easily and as safely as possible.

"Looking at this backlog of defects enables us to grow the county. It helps the county economy."

The 18-ton machines work by spraying in materials to fill and cover the pothole. The new investment will see at least 12 additional patching crews on the roads with four velocity patching machines working on the pothole repair backlog, surface dressing and routine maintenance. And on-site Tarmac manufacturing machines will also be introduced to deliver better results.

Councillor Deaville added: "We always tackle the high-risk potholes as soon as possible, and this extra investment will now help us tackle the backlog of lower category, older potholes which are still important to local communities.

"The machine does a real good-quality repair, we're looking at three, four or five years each time a pothole is filled."

It comes after four cyclists suffered severe injuries after hitting the same pothole on a country road in three weeks last year.

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Theft warning on grazing animals

ANIMALS grazing in open fields can be a target for criminals, police have warned.

Owners in Staffordshire have been advised to treat their livestock like 'any other valuable' and ensure they have crime prevention measures in place.

Police Community Support Officer Lucinda Hadfield has issued a checklist of practices to deter criminals.

She said: "Check fields where animals are grazing daily, if possible, as they are an easy target for thieves. Keep your hedges, fences and gates in good repair. Ditches also form a natural barrier.

"Fit field gates with capping hinges so they cannot be removed easily.

"Cattle grids should be removable and locking posts should be used to prevent large openings in the yard.

"Consider using CCTV allowing animals to be watched in barns or yards from the comfort of your home.

"If livestock is stolen, it's important you give police an accurate description."

Go-kart track plan set to be turned down

PLANS for a new go-kart complex promising to be 'one of the best' in the UK are set to be rejected, it has emerged. Roy Johnson, who owns Fishley Park in Pelsall, wants to build the £3 million track on land north of Wyrley Common and south of the A5 in Norton Canes.

The application for the scheme, which features an outdoor 1,200-metre track, a hospitality block and restaurant, was submitted in July last year but nothing has happened since, with Cannock Chase Council said to be waiting on details from Mr Johnson before it is put before the planning committee for a decision.

However, it has now been reported that the council has concerns over the plans and officers will recommend they are thrown out.

Planning chiefs have reservations over the fact the proposed site is in the green belt and does not fall under Cannock Chase's local plan.

A council source told the Chronicle's sister paper the Express & Star: "The application is still live but planning officers are having trouble with it because it is in green belt and it does not fit in with the local plan which the council has because of its own location in green belt.

Decision

"The council has not made a decision yet and it cannot be taken to committee yet because the applicant has not given all the information. But because of the green belt, officers' recommendation will be to refuse it."

Architect Ron Oliver, commenting on Mr Johnson's behalf, said: "We always expected this but we are very, very disappointed with the planners.

"We have information we have given to the council but they are saying they have not seen it. We have got the full support of the parish council and quite a lot of support from residents. It will hopefully go to committee in July or August."

Eileen about to mark her 102nd birthday

From left, School Court manager Lynn Bate, Eileen Cotterell and Eileen's granddaughter Debbie Birch

THE oldest resident at a Hednesford retirement retirement village is celebrating her 102nd birthday on Sunday.

Greatgrandmother Eileen Cotterell was the first resident to move into School Court in 1994, following the death of her husband Oliver – she didn't want to continue living in their two-bedroom bungalow without him.

The couple met at a dance when she was 15, and Eileen can still recall the long, lace dress she wore that evening.

"We were both passionately fond of dancing, the proper dancing – waltzing, foxtrots, quick steps," she said.

"He was such a lovely dancer, it was a pleasure to dance with him. I had a wonderful marriage." Eileen was still teaching residents to dance at School Court when she was 80 and looked after herself until she was 101.

Lynn Bate, manager of School Court, which is run by the ExtraCare Charitable Trust, said: "She is very polite and kind. She is a lovely lady." Eileen's granddaughter Debbie Birch said: "She is absolutely amazing."

Talk about Co-op

NED Williams will be the guest speaker at Norton Canes Historical Society's meeting at 7pm on Tuesday at the local library in Burntwood Road. His subject is the history of the Co-op, titled History with Dividends. Admission is free.

'Stay alert' on callers

PEOPLE are being urged to be vigilant after an increase in the number of incidents involving bogus officials and distraction burglaries.

Staffordshire Police are urging people to be on their guard after an increase in the crime in the county.

The force is reminding residents to never allow any unsolicited visitors into their home, however convincing they may sound, and to always check the identity of callers first. If people are unsure or suspicious, they should call 999 immediately.

Firms urged to air concerns in survey

THE director of Cannock Chase's Chamber of Commerce is urging businesses to take part in a survey that will provide a look at their main concerns.

The Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) for the quarter two of 2017 asks businesses how they have fared in the last three months and what expectations they have for the next three months, including whether they expect their prices to rise and if they are considering increasing wages.

Additional questions have been added to help determine the relationships between growth and recruitment, planned investment in staff training and what might influence investment in training. It also asks if employers believe that they will get good value from the apprenticeship levy. Chris Plant said: "The survey takes a matter of minutes to complete but the information that it provides is vital."

The closing date for the survey is Monday, June 12. Visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QBRQ22017Esh to take part.

Teenager picks up award for bravery

William Bishop receives his Golden Helmet Award from Fireman Sam at the ceremony in London

A CANNOCK teenager who chased a shoplifter in the town centre has received an award for outstanding bravery.

William Bishop, 19, ran after the thief after hearing a woman shout that he had stolen items from Boots.

Without thinking, he dropped his bike and chased and eventually caught the offender, who swung at William with a key. Undeterred, William grabbed the thief's bag, which contained needles and the stolen goods, and the offender ran away, before police arrested him later. Now, the brave teenager has been presented with one of the first batch of Golden Helmet Awards, a scheme set up to celebrate the 30th anniversary of children's TV character Fireman Sam.

The six awards, in partnership with parenting website Netmums, were presented at a ceremony in London.

As well as their Golden Helmet Award, the winners received a £500 cheque from Fireman Sam and representatives of the South Wales Fire & Rescue Services.

Netmums' managing editor Anh Nguyen said: "We were overwhelmed by the number of entries we received for the first ever Golden Helmet Awards, with so many incredible stories. William's brave story really stood out to us."

Ex-chief of ambulance service dies

A FORMER chief executive of West Midlands Ambulance Service has died at the age of 67.

Barry Johns was the chief of the Ambulance Service NHS Trust for 25 years between 1981 and 2006 – and a key figure in setting up what is now the Midlands Air Ambulance in 1990. At the time, what was then known as the County Air Ambulance was only the second such operation in the country.

Mr Johns's funeral took place on Monday at Hereford Cathedral.

The trust's current chief executive Anthony Marsh paid a moving tribute to Mr Johns in a statement, saying it was 'an honour and privilege to succeed him'.

Mr Marsh said: "I was extremely saddened to learn of the death of Barry Johns, former chief executive of the county West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Barry Johns – 'legend'

Popular

"Mr Johns was chief executive of the Trust from January 1981 until the regional mergers in 2006.

"He was one of the leading modernisers of the ambulance service, playing a leading role locally, nationally and internationally.

"He had an uncanny knack for remembering names and details of the individual staff member's family, making him popular among staff."

A statement on the County Air Ambulance website said: "Barry was a legend, always full of inspirational ideas, a true gentleman, and his knowledge of the air and ambulance service and his unstinting support will be sorely missed by us all.

"Barry was awarded the Queen's Medal for long service and the Queen's Jubilee Medal for services to the Ambulance Service.

"We have all lost a true friend and we offer our sincere condolences to his wife Marrena and to all his family and many friends."

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Homes team to tackle rivals in charity event

Some of the team preparing for their challenge, from left, Adrian Halsall, Darren Abley and Emma Macdonald

A TEAM from a Staffordshire housebuilding company is preparing to tackle a unique charity challenge which will see their physical and mental skills tested.

Cameron Homes, based in Chasetown, is taking part in the Hope Challenge from tomorrow (Friday) until Sunday when staff will compete against other construction firms from throughout the UK. The teams will be asked to complete a trek through the Peak District carrying materials to build a shelter to sleep in for the weekend, as well as undertaking mental trials to gain further points with the goal of being named winners.

Darren Abley, contracts manager with Cameron, said they wanted to be successful but the main aim of the event was to collect much-needed funds for people living in poverty. "We hope to raise over £3,000 for Habitat for Humanity, who organise the initiative, and are looking for sponsors to help us meet this target," he said.

"Our staff can't wait to take part and if we collect £3,000 this will be enough for the charity to build a house for a homeless family in the Third World – providing them with the secure accommodation that many of us take for granted. Anyone who would like to make a donation should go to hopechallenge2017.everydayhero.com/uk/cameron-homes or contact Darren Abley on 01543 671818.

£40,000 payout for ex-bakery workers

A FAMILY of three who closed a bakery following a takeover have been ordered to pay former employees more than £40,000.

Tennants Craft Bakery, which has shops across Cannock Chase, stopped trading in April 2016 after being taken over by Carl Collins, his wife Debbie and their daughter Melissa, a Birmingham Employment Tribunal was told.

By Jack Averty

Five former employees, some with 20 years service under the previous owner, made legal claims for unfair dismissal.

They claimed that they were 'kept in the dark' over what was happening about their jobs.

Announce

The tribunal hearing took place last November.

But because of illness, Judge Victoria Dean said she had only just been able to announce her decision.

The Collins family of three were named as respondents, trading as Tennants Craft Bakery, but they did not attend the hearing.

She said in a report: "Sadly, the respondents, whether Melissa or Debbie Collins or indeed anyone within the family who worked in the business, deliberately appear to have misled the claimants as to their future."

Miss Dean further accused the respondents of 'failing to comply with any of the standards of good industrial practice' and added that although the employment was terminated by reasons of redundancy, the claimants were unfairly dismissed.

Miss Dean said in her report that the awards against the respondents ranged from £7,000 to more than £10,000 for the five claimants – making a total of more than £40,000.

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Police appeal on scrambler pests

SCRAMBLER bikers riding illegally in a popular park are being investigated by police.

Residents have reported two bikes 'whizzing around' Redwood Park in Burntwood in recent weeks.

Now, anyone with information about the nuisance has been asked to call Staffordshire Police.

PCSO Liane Haddock, who patrols in the Chasetown area, said: "We have had a report that there have been two scrambler bikes riding over the playing fields in Redwood Park.

"This is an offence as motorbikes should only be ridden on the highway.

"If you see these bikes riding on the park or have any information, please call our non-emergency number 101."

Residents can also report issues to Lichfield District Council's parks team on 01543 308867.

Probe into lifestyles reveals 'worrying' problems in county

LEVELS of smoking during pregnancy, domestic abuse and self-harm among children are higher in Staffordshire than the national average.

By Peter Madeley

Bosses at Staffordshire County Council say they have concerns over various issues across the area as the authority published its Health and Wellbeing Outcomes Report for 2017.

Other areas where the county's performance is worse than the average include infant mortality rates, excess weight in adults and alcohol-related hospital admissions.

According to the report, 12.5 per cent of expectant mothers in Staffordshire smoke during pregnancy, compared with the national average of 10.4 per cent. Domestic abuse rates per 1,000 people total 27.7 – the national average is 22.1.

Alcohol-related hospital admissions totalled 740 in quarter three of 2016 compared with the national average of 648 while there were 490 hospital admissions for people aged between 10 and 24 due to self-harming during 2015-16 compared with the national average of 431.

Councillor Susan Woodward, the council's shadow leader, said: "It is long established that some of the health challenges in Staffordshire are very hard nuts to crack.

"The amount of concentration at the moment on hospital services and improving care at that stage has maybe taken away from the focus that we need to be putting on preventing these issues. Some of the areas where we are performing worse than the national average are worrying because they have such a negative and direct impact on people's lives.

"If we are not careful, these will only get worse because they do require us to step in and try and change people's attitudes – these are avoidable problems if tackled correctly.

"This will need social investment. We keep getting told this myth that it won't but I have no doubts that it will."

A statement from the report reads: "There are significant health inequalities across Staffordshire."

Council pledge on volunteering

PEOPLE from across Staffordshire are being invited to find out more about the hundreds of volunteering opportunities available to make a difference.

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In a recent survey of Staffordshire residents, 13 per cent said they had volunteered in a group, club or organisation while one in four people said they had volunteered to help their friends and neighbours.

Gill Heath, cabinet member for communities at Staffordshire County Council, said: "We will continue to work closely with our partners in the voluntary sector to support volunteers and promote volunteering."

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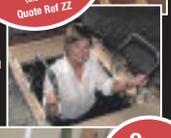

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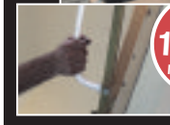

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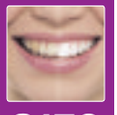

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Grass fires break out near garage

This was the scene after a series of grass fires broke out in Burntwood, 200 yards from a car dealer. Five fire crews stopped the blaze, which involved five separate fires in the same grass area, spreading to the Skoda garage. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue were called to the incident off Stables Way next to Fair Lady Drive at 1.58pm on Thursday. *Picture: Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service*

Sprinkler summit success

DOZENS of delegates attended a conference staged by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service to stress the importance of fitting sprinklers.

The British Automatic Fire Sprinkler Association's event heard from seven speakers who shared their experiences of fitting sprinklers in their properties.

Stuart Ruckledge, fire engineer and fire suppression lead with the service, said: "It was great to see how well received the conference was and what an impact it had on all those attending. It also gave us a chance to hear even more of the success stories.

"We really want to stress the benefits of having the sprinklers in places where people sleep – high-rise flats, care homes, bedsits etc – as they are at a greater risk of the effects of smoke as they don't tend to wake up during a fire."

Representatives at the summit were particularly impressed by a demonstration of the sprinklers in action. Mr Ruckledge added: "Everyone seemed to be impressed by the demonstration, and we have already had some of the representatives showing an interest in getting the sprinklers installed.

"If a property has a sprinkler system, it reduces the amount of damage is caused and, more importantly, lowers the chances of lives being lost."

More than 70 representatives attended the event at Branston Golf and Conference Centre.

Elderly upset at having to leave to make way for new homes

ELDERLY people will be forced out of their homes after plans to demolish more than a dozen bungalows to make way for homes were approved.

Fourteen existing properties – some of the residents have lived there for decades – will be bulldozed at Woodlands Road and Second Avenue in the Holmcroft area of Stafford.

Among those being evicted are 85-year-old Ida Bentley, who has lived in her bungalow for more than 18 years. She said she cried when she heard the news and is 'dead against it'. "We're all old people along here," she said.

"I've been here for years, and there's nothing wrong with the bungalow, so I don't see why we're being moved.

"I cried when they sent us the letter saying they were going to knock them down. We're moving to where the playing fields are, and we'll be in a cul-de-sac. We'll have nothing to see, nobody going past – that takes my day when I'm cooking and I'm in the window and I can see everything going past.

"It is a shame for them to knock these down. What's wrong with them? We're all settled here."

Stafford and Rural Homes is behind the scheme, which will see the bungalows make way for 40 homes.

Garage blocks at the back of the homes and a pair of semi-detached houses will also be bulldozed.

As part of the plans, the residents will be moved into new bungalows nearby.

Stafford Borough Council's planning committee approved the plans last Wednesday. Councillor Jonathan Price, who represents the area, said at the meeting: "We are always short of social house in the borough so I'm very pleased about the plan."

Karen Armitage, chief executive of Stafford and Rural Homes, said: "The plans were submitted following extensive consultations with existing customers and the wider local community.

"However, we understand that change can be difficult for some and we would urge customers with any outstanding concerns to get in touch with us to ensure they are allocated a property that best suits their needs."

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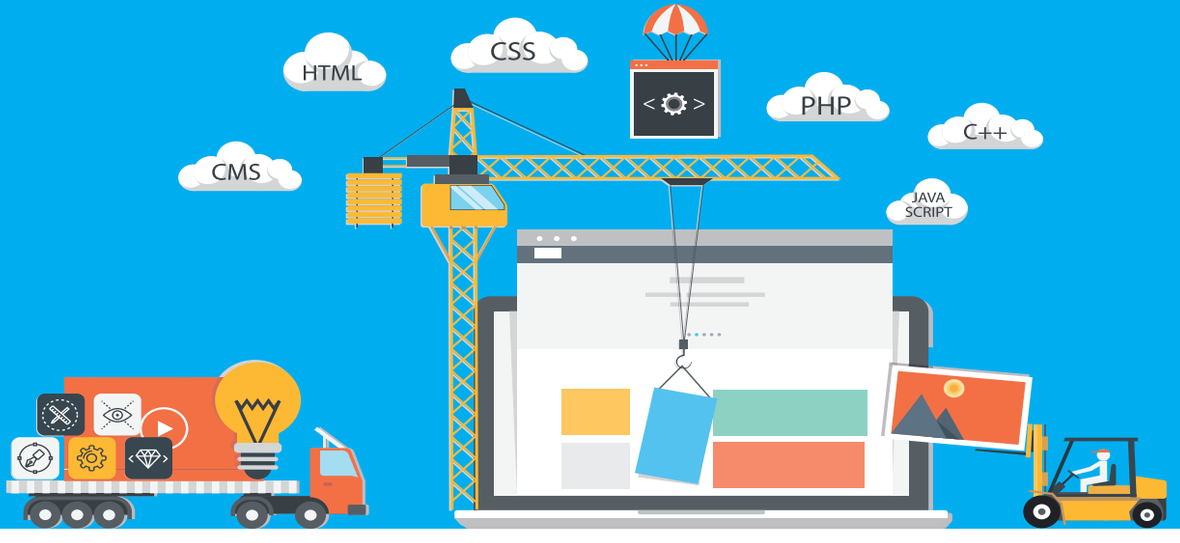

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Women fined after their rubbish was fly-tipped

A council worker clears up Nicola Chambers's waste in Blackhalve Lane, Essington

A WOMAN has been prosecuted for breaching environmental laws after the men she paid to take away her rubbish just dumped it in a lane in Essington.

Nicola Chambers, from Wolverhampton, failed in her duty of care to make proper checks that the men who offered to take away and dispose of her waste for £10 were licensed to do so.

Chambers was fined £80 and ordered to pay a £30 victim surcharge and £814.90 costs after her waste was found dumped in Blackhalve Lane in Essington.

She was prosecuted by South Staffordshire Council and pleaded guilty to the offence at the North Staffordshire Justice Centre.

Also appearing at the court and pleading guilty to breaching environmental laws was Bushra Bi from Birmingham.

She failed in her duty of care to make proper checks after paying men, who were doing gardening work at her home, to take away her waste and dispose of it.

The men were not authorised collectors, and the waste ended up being fly-tipped in Middle Lane, Oaken.

Bi, who works part-time, was fined £90 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of £30 and contribute £500 to costs.

Bushra Bi's dumped rubbish

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New sales manager for firm

A KEY appointment has been made at an expanding construction firm.

Cameron Homes has created the new position at its head office in Chasetown.

Amanda

Amanda Gales, of Lichfield, has joined the firm as sales manager for its newly created central region, which covers developments in Staffordshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

She previously worked for Crest Nicholson for a decade, initially as a senior sales adviser and for the last four years as a sales manager. She has also worked for David Wilson Homes.

She will oversee current developments in Burntwood, Chasetown, Hill Ridware, Measham and Swadlincote.

Training camps subject of talk

MEN of Burntwood will welcome Ann Walker to their meeting on Wednesday, June 14.

The subject of her talk will be "WW1 camps on the Chase".

The meeting at St Matthews Sports and Social Club in Burntwood starts at 7.45pm.

For further details about the group and the meeting, contact Vince on 01543 682448.

Bloom organisers hope for a bumper crop of entries

"GET outdoors and get into gardening!" is the call to local residents from organisers of the annual Burntwood in Bloom competition.

They want green-fingered people from across the area to enter this year's contest to show off their horticultural skills. Burntwood Town Council is running the popular competition again and is hoping for a bumper crop of entries.

By Simon Stone

There are 10 categories – including best front garden, best rear garden, best hanging baskets, best community project and best containers and troughs.

Schools and businesses in the Burntwood district can also enter the competition.

Attractive

Mary Danby, chief executive of Burntwood Town Council, said: "We have a lot of beautiful gardens in Burntwood, and we're looking for local people to enter the competition so they can get recognition for their hard work. We run Burntwood in Bloom each year as we want to encourage more people to get outdoors and into their gardens.

"It not only makes the local environment attractive, it's really good for health and wellbeing." This year, Burntwood in Bloom is sponsored by John Short & Son, TownTrader Magazine, inLife, TechCare, Lichfield District Council, Bromford Living, Everall's Properties, Rawlins Tyres, Staffordshire Police and GE Collis & Sons Ltd. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2017.

Further details about Burntwood in Bloom can be obtained by calling 01543 677166 or emailing info@burntwood-tc.gov.uk

Pop into Burntwood Town Council's office in The Old Mining College Centre on Queen Street in Chasetown for an application form. The office is open to the public 8.30am-5pm Monday-Thursday and 8.30am-4.30 pm Fridays.

Alternatively, forms can be downloaded from www.burntwood-tc.gov.uk

The overall winner of last year's Burntwood in Bloom competition and, inset, a hanging basket entry

District council to decide on plans

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

70 Rugeley Road, Chase Terrace – installation of decking in rear garden.

14 Duke Road, Burntwood – first-floor side extension to form bathroom and bedrooms with en suite.

8 Birch Avenue, Burntwood – two-storey side extension to form kitchen, entrance hall, study, two bedrooms and en suite (amendment to application 16/01170/FUL).

9 Princess Street, Burntwood – demolition of single-storey rear extension and erection of a single and two-storey rear extension to form kitchen, breakfast area, shower room, utility, bathroom and bedrooms and rendering of property.

7 Bramble Lane, Burntwood – crown lift and thinning of oak tree.

1 Reid Close, Burntwood – work to lime tree: crown lift to 4m by removing secondary growth only and crown thin by 15 to 20 per cent removing mainly epicormic growth.

Land adjacent to 101 Baker Street, Burntwood – erection of two-storey three-bedroom dwelling.

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Driver banned after cyclist died in crash

A DRIVER who was behind the wheel when a cyclist was killed in a crash has been disqualified for 12 months.

David Stanley, aged 24, of Milton Keynes, was sentenced at Stafford Crown Court after pleading guilty to causing death by careless driving and was also fined £3,500. The collision happened on October 17, 2015 on the A5127 Birmingham Road, in Lichfield.

Warren Trotman, 46, was riding a bicycle from Wall Island to his Lichfield home when he was hit by a white Ford Transit van being driven by Stanley.

Stanley, 24, told the court he did not see Mr Trotman, who was not wearing any reflective clothing. The presiding judge said it was a moment of inattention that led to Mr Trotman's death.

Investigating officer Sgt Richard Moors said: "We are committed to keeping Staffordshire's roads as safe as possible, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all road users of their responsibilities.

"Motorists have a responsibility to position themselves appropriately to allow for other road users, and cyclists need to consider their visibility and use suitable lights and/or reflective clothing."

Stanley was given 175 hours of community service, a 12-month disqualification and ordered to pay a £2,500 fine and £1,000 in costs.

Glory days to be revived in £1.5m White House facelift

ONE of Cannock's most historic buildings is to be transformed into restaurants and restored as a wedding venue under £1.5 million plans.

Businessman Fred Pritchard has purchased the White House for an undisclosed fee and unveiled his vision to bring it back into use.

The proposals for the striking Grade II* listed property on High Green also include converting rooms on the upper floors into homes.

Other spaces will accommodate small businesses such as a photography studio or health and beauty salon.

Historically the Georgian building, which is more than two centuries old, has played host to hundreds of weddings in the past.

This scheme is the latest venture for Mr Pritchard and his wife Sarah, following on from the Newhall development nearby which saw the former Riley's snooker hall transformed into shops, a micro-pub and apartments

The White House has played host to hundreds of weddings in the past

last year. Mr Pritchard said: "The White House is dear to most Cannockians, partly as it is one of the few Georgian buildings that have survived in the town centre and partly as many have memories of it being the council offices or a ladies boarding school, or even got married there.

"We wish to utilise this magnificent building for quality restaurants and grill, coupled with a wedding venue.

"The beautiful building will again form the backdrop for wedding ceremonies harking back to its past.

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The White House was built in 1783 as a family home for Sir Robert Fisher and was the first in the town to have its own water pump.

Among its many residents through the decades was Captain William Cary, who attended Rugeley Grammar School and became Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire.

Merged

It was also home to Frederick Gilpin, owner of several factories and one of the town's biggest employers.

The White House became a girls' boarding school in the 1800s and was then purchased by Cannock Urban District Council in the 1920s, serving as the town's register office for decades.

Staffordshire County Council acquired the building in June 1981 for it to be used by Cannock Chase Technical College, which merged into South Staffordshire College in 2009.

It was declared surplus to requirements in 2015 and went on the market with a price tag of £500,000.

Court defeat drives West Brom to loss

THE loss of a high-profile court case has punched a hole in the annual figures from the West Brom, driving the building society to a £19.8 million loss.

It comes despite strong home-loan figures from the Black Country's biggest building society, which saw gross residential mortgage lending rise to £712m for the 12 months to the end of March.

Up from £673m a year ago, that is the biggest lending figure for the society since the financial crash of 2008.

But the West Brom had to fork out £27.5m last year after the Court of Appeal said it should not have doubled the interest it charged around 6,700 buy-to-let landlords.

Stripping out the impact of the court case, the West Brom said its underlying pre-tax profit was up 60 per cent on last year, to £7.7m.

Chief executive Jonathan Westhoff said: "Whilst the reported loss for the year is disappointing, we can draw considerable confidence from our strong underlying performance and year on year growth in residential mortgage lending.

"The main reason behind the loss has been clearly stated in the half yearly results, reflecting the one-off costs of reimbursing certain buy-to-let borrowers who had previously been charged additional interest on their loans."

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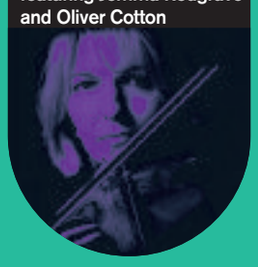

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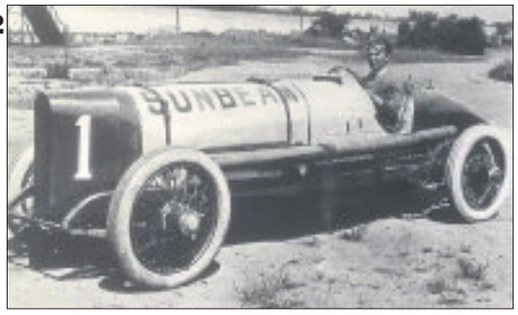

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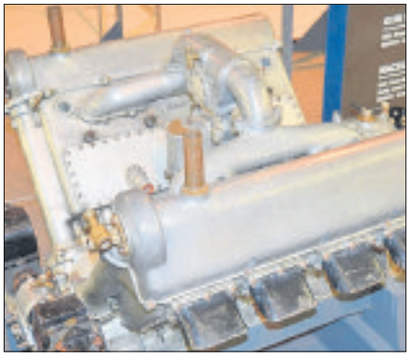
When Sunbeam shone bright as a big name in transport history


This photo of an engine is of the Arab which is now at the RAF Cosford museum

ONE of the great names in British transport history, and one of the biggest companies in Wolverhampton, The Sunbeam has not existed except as badges on other companies' vehicles since the 1930s, having only made their first powered vehicle in 1899.

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The first, a side-valve 110hp V8, was first run in 1912, and at the start of the war they were the only British maker of high-powered aero-engines.

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MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

Sunbeam engines powered seaplanes and airships in particular, including the only aircraft to fly at the Battle of Jutland, and the first to sink a warship with a torpedo.

Surpass

The best Sunbeam engines were the V12 Cossack and Maori, but at the end of the war their reputation was largely ruined by the V8 Arab.

Ordered in huge numbers from four different companies, virtually off the drawing board, it was found to have severe vibration problems, and only 1,300 of the 6,000 ordered were ever built. After the war Sunbeam had some successes, powering the first aircraft to fly the Atlantic both ways, the R.34 Airship, and the first aircraft ever owned by QANTAS in Australia, a Sunbeam Dyak-powered Avro 504, but the fall in their reputation caused by the Arab, and the superb reliability of the Rolls-Royce competition lead to the demise of the aero-engine division.

Strangely, the final successes of Sunbeam aero-engines were on the ground, where they powered Land Speed Record-breaking cars at speeds never achieved by Sunbeam-powered aircraft.

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Locally a Sunbeam Manitou can be found in the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley, and the last surviving Arab in the World, is in the RAF Museum Cosford.

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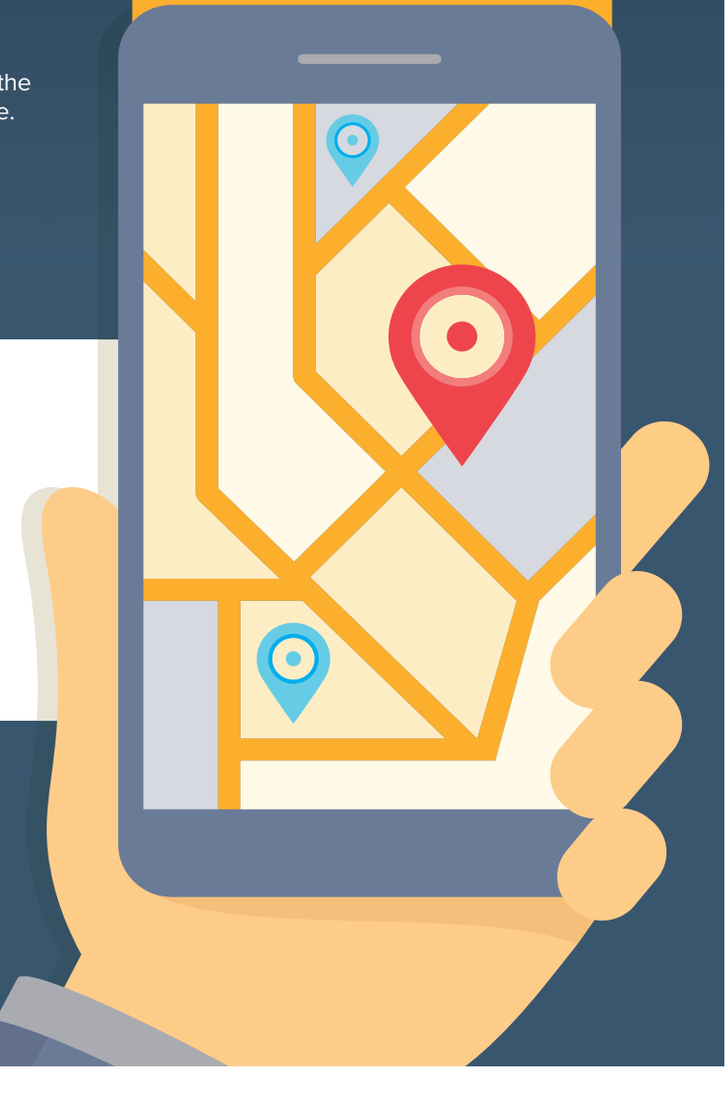

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Classic tale is given new twist

Olivia Gannon, aged 16, as Mary Poppins with Joshua Youster, 10, Ava Cattell, eight, and Becky Macey, 19

THE classic tale of Mary Poppins was given a new twist by a group of talented young dancers.

Dancers from Dance City, based in Aldridge, gave two sell-out shows at the Prince of Wales Theatre in Cannock to mark the end of months of hard work in practice.

The dance school, run by Tracey Dicken, aged 36, from Aldridge, puts on shows such as this once every two years, focusing on putting pupils through exams.

And the chance to take their talents out in front of a large audience brought out the best in pupils.

Ms Dicken said: "We had a great time at the Prince of Wales – selling out was a real achievement for us, especially doing it twice in one day. The theme of the show was Mary Poppins but we brought it to life with performances in styles such as tap, Irish, street dancing and more.

"It was a beautiful showcase of our talented dancers' work, and we are pleased with the success."

The school is now looking for dancers to join after having to refuse new recruits for a couple of months as they prepared for the Mary Poppins showcase on May 20. Ms Dicken said: "I would encourage any young person to take up dancing as it teaches them so much." Call 01922 740999 or email tracey_dancecity@hotmail.co.uk

85 homes near club are set for go-ahead

PLANS for scores of new homes near a Staffordshire football club are set to be given the green light despite concerns about extra cars filling the 'horrendous' road network.

By David Cosgrove

Development chiefs at Stafford Borough Council have been urged to approve an application for up to 85 homes at the former Alstom and GE Grid Solutions site off the Fairway and St Leonards Avenue roundabout.

But the 'hybrid' bid could also pave the way for three times as many new homes in the area while permission for a 194-home estate east of the plot has already been given the go-ahead.

Council officers have recommended the planning committee grant permission on Monday for St Modwen's scheme, near Stafford Town Football Club.

Forebridge ward councillor Christine Baron, sits on the committee but said she would forego her vote in order to express residents' fears, particularly about the impact on the roads.

She said: "Locals are very, very concerned. You have already got cars parked on both side of the road in the area and nasty bends. People are obviously concerned about the amount of extra vehicles.

"The whole highway situation around here is horrendous."

The plans were unveiled at a public exhibition in March last year promising in the region of 300 homes in total at the site as well as land directly to the east, although now the developer has backed away from giving any specific number for the wider scheme.

A planning statement from council development officers says: "This is a hybrid application. The principle of the development is considered to be acceptable."

Milestone for college as exciting new era dawns

Commercial feature

In November 2016 Stafford College officially merged with Newcastle-under-Lyme College, the highest performing further education college in Staffordshire.

The merger represents a significant milestone in the history of both colleges and the dawn of a new era, which brings with it the return of A-levels to Stafford College, a senior management team with extensive sector experience, and significant financial investment into the campus and student facilities.

Opening for students starting with the college this September, Stafford College's brand new Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy Academy will offer top-class facilities and a highly professional environment in which students will be able to gain the skills and practical experience they need for a successful career in the hairdressing and beauty industry.

Top-class facilities and a highly professional environment – an exterior view of the Stafford College campus

An impression of the LEGO® Education Innovation Studio

Investment

The college is also opening its doors to a new £3.5 million Science and Technology Centre, which will inspire the next generation of innovators with state-of-the art facilities such as science and engineering laboratories, computing suites, advanced manufacturing areas and a LEGO® Education Innovation Studio.

Investment into student socialising spaces is also under way with the opening of a new coffee lounge serving Costa coffee and an improved canteen area.

Karen Dobson, Principal & Chief Executive at Stafford College, said: "The renovation of one of our buildings is an exciting development for Stafford College. The Science and Technology Centre will be an innovative learning environment, one of the best facilities of its type in the West Midlands.

"The centre will be the hub for our new sixth form provision, giving students the opportunity to learn and develop the skills needed to progress to university or on to an advanced higher apprenticeship."

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From September 2017 Stafford College will introduce three brand new, distinctly different 'sixth form pathways' which will give prospective students the opportunity to choose from the following options:

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The 'sixth form pathways' are all level 3 qualifications, equating to three A-levels and providing excellent progression routes to university or higher apprenticeships.

Prospective students interested in studying at Stafford College are invited to attend the next college Open Event at the campus on Earl Street, Stafford, on Saturday, June 17, from 10am to 12 noon.

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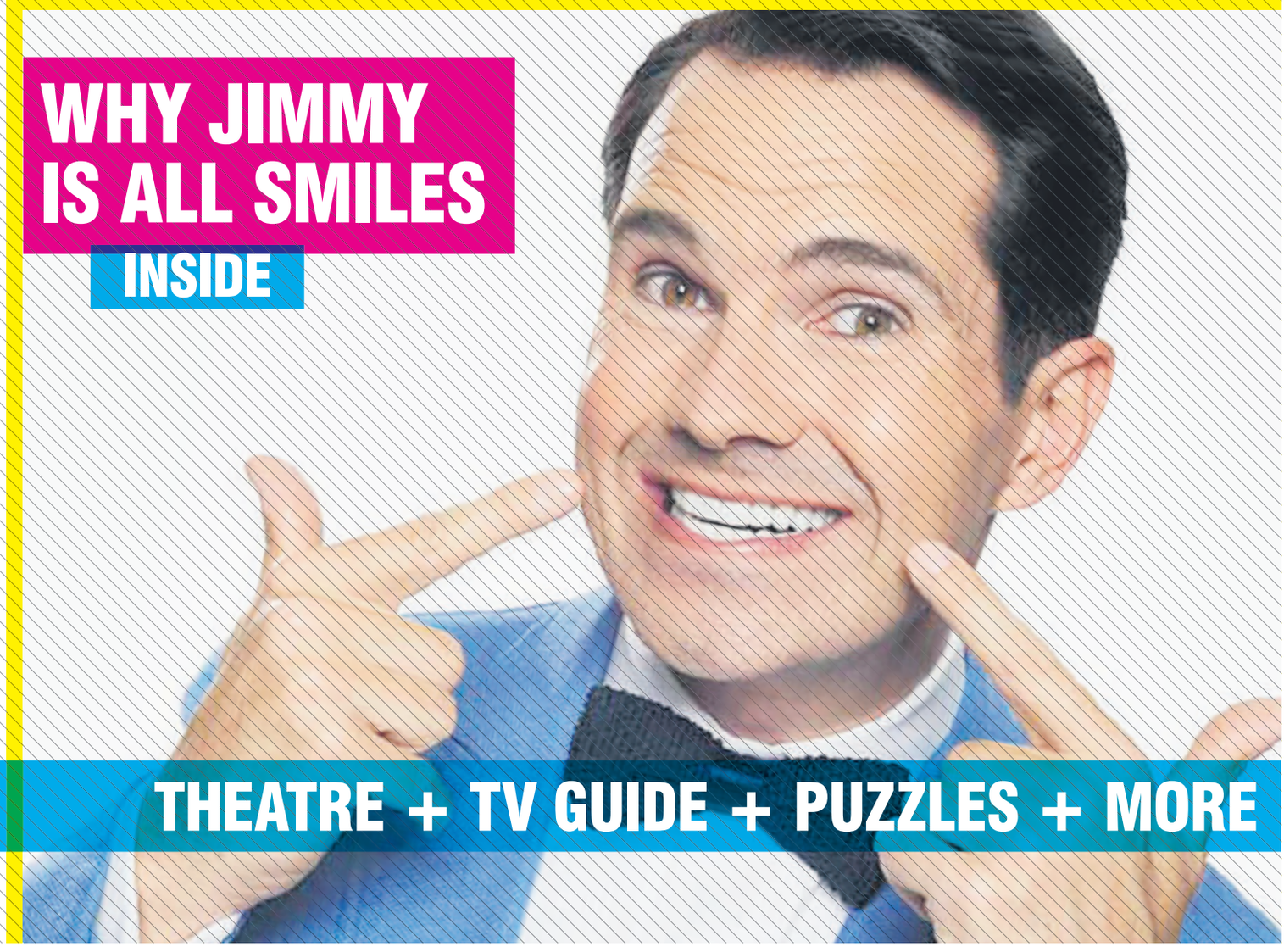

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It's only a joke if the audience laugh

Funnyman Jimmy Carr has been one of nation's most successful stand-up comics, since launching his career in 2000.

The deadpan master of dark humour has also become a household name through his work on the Channel 4 panel show 8 Out of 10 Cats and The Big Fat Quiz of the Year.

He's back on the road after gathering a selection of his very best jokes along with brand new material for the ultimate comedy show. Jimmy will headline Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Saturday in The Best of, Ultimate Gold, Greatest Hits Tour.

A man who has devoted his life to crafting perfect jokes and has left a trail of laughter in his wake, his new tour will distill everything we love to laugh at and be shocked by, into one unparalleled night of entertainment.

During his years in stand-up, Jimmy has performed nine sell-out tours, playing nearly 2,000 shows to over two million people across four continents. He's won the British Comedy Award for Best Live Stand-Up Tour and been nominated for the Perrier Award.

At the start of his career, Jimmy had no plans to work in TV. "I had no aspiration as a kid at all. If I'd known that it was possible to work in television, I would have wanted to be a producer; but I didn't know anyone in that world. It wasn't an option.

"Instead I took the line of least resistance. I grew up in middle-class Berkshire, so I was obviously going to do A Levels and try to get to the best university possible.

"The fact I've lost my Catholic faith would probably come as the biggest surprise.

"I got to Cambridge and then worked way too hard to get a job in marketing for a blue-chip company. It was amazing that at no point during those years did I think, 'What the devil am I up to?'

"My young self would be a bit shocked that in my mid-20s I made a conscious decision to do something completely out of the ordinary. I left my well-paid job to join the circus.

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"The whole being-on-television thing would seem a bit surreal to my younger self. I think I'd also be a bit concerned at the lack of work I do: I only have to do two hours a day max to be considered the hardest working man in comedy.

"I was a little bit melancholy as a youngster but I'm a lot happier now. Doing comedy makes me happy."

Jimmy has taken his show around the world and has proved a hit in Japan. He was thrilled to fly out to the Land of the Rising Sun.

"I desperately wanted to go to Japan. My promoter friend and I are obsessed with food. So we were looking at places to go and tour with amazing restaurants so we can go and eat some amazing food. And Tokyo was number one on our list. We basically put it in the tour so we could eat incredible Japanese food. It is the best in the world. If you like watching documentaries on people making sushi, which I do, who doesn't want to go to Japan?"

In an age of observational comedy, Jimmy is happy to go it alone and tell jokes. He has no axe to grind and just likes making people laugh.

"In this day and age people don't do one-line jokes. There's an American tradition of telling people about their lives. But I don't mean it. It's not like I'm telling jokes but there's a message there. I have no axe to grind. I'm an entertainer. I'm not trying to be a wise man. My thing on controversy is it's an easy story on a slow news day. I never apologise for jokes. At most I've said sorry you're upset. It was a joke! I'm only joking. I'm not making a serious political statement; I'm just making you laugh.

"You have to be respectful of the right to be offended but I will joke about anything as long as the joke is good enough to warrant it. There's got to be a gut-wrenching laugh. My favourite noise in comedy is a laugh followed by an intake of breath. Because a laugh is a reflex. A sharp intake is their conscience saying they shouldn't have laughed at that. The audience regulate comedy in a way that doesn't happen in other art forms. If the audience don't laugh it wasn't even a joke, it was just two sentences strung together. Ultimately they are the arbiters of taste and decency and what's funny."

Jimmy's new show deals with many of the funniest jokes he's ever told and he's perfectly happy to return to that material. He thinks people will enjoy hearing the best gags again – just as rock fans love listening to their favourite band's hits.

"I'm quite an old fashioned comedian in a strange way, because not many people do one liners anymore – not many people do jokes. They might do a long story that's got a lots of laughs along the way and then a big punch line at the end and if you've heard that before, you know where it goes and the surprise is done. But when you're telling three, four gags a minute, I think you can go back. People forget them.

"People tell me my own jokes. It's one of my favourite things: at the end of the show there's always a signing and people kind of go "I've got one you're going to love" and you go '"Yes – that's from my second DVD!" It's a lovely thing when they live on in someone else's head. It's quite sweet. But I'm not frightened by it because I've sort of been doing best-of shows on the quiet for years – they're called corporates."

Perceptions of Jimmy have changed over the year. Once he was thought of as the dark prince of comedy, an enfant terrible who'd tell scandalous gags. However, opinions towards him have mellowed – even though his material hasn't. He's happy to no longer be in the spotlight – and even happier that he's more successful than ever.

"I'm probably bigger now than I've ever been, but it's less of a story. I can sell lots of tickets, I can play shows, but it's kind of under the radar. But it's when you're on the up and you'll be famous in a year, everyone comes to see you. I think it's because it's almost irritating: 'Who's this new guy? He's come from nowhere!' I was really conscious of this one year, when I was on Channel 4 like four nights a week and people were like 'what?'. Now if I do that, people just go 'oh yeah, course he is.'"

Jimmy's appetite for comedy started at an early age. During his school years, he was part of a gang where the objective was to make one another laugh.

"If you weren't funny at school, you weren't one of our friends. That taught me to handle hecklers. Having a good sense of humour was how you'd be in the group. Everyone was just very, very good. That really has been a lifelong love of mine – taking the piss and knowing where to draw the line. If someone heckles me now I just think, 'OK, here we go. I've been doing this for years!'" And though he's now thought of as being one of the hardest working men in showbusiness, in fact, he used to work much harder.

"I really enjoyed working after university in advertising and marketing. I'd tell myself at 16 it is nice to have a relatable and normal life. If you go straight into showbusiness you are never really grateful for how easy it is. And it is really easy. When you start doing comedy it is the first time you are self-employed so you think you are never going to do any more gigs than this – so you do all of them. I remember for the first four years in comedy I was doing upwards of 300 gigs a year. If someone asked me if I wanted to go to Plymouth for £60 I'd say yes. I was paying my dues."

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I was a little bit melancholy as a youngster but I'm a lot happier now

The amazing Illumaphonium

Grand nights out form part of city's Artsfest 2017

The Grand Theatre has teamed with the University of Wolverhampton, Arena Theatre and other arts organisations in the city to celebrate Artsfest during June.

The festival of arts and culture in Wolverhampton and surrounding areas starts today (Thursday) and continues until June 30.

Artsfest is celebrating the cultural life of the Black Country and emerging artists whose work is made in the region. Both professional and student work will be on show in more than 20 venues across the cit.

Artsfest 2017 will include more than 70 events in the fields of performing arts, poetry and literature, film, media, art and design.

Grand Theatre contributions to the programme include the stage adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's Running Wild until Saturday. Then Brummie comic Don Maclean tops a bill at the Grand Music Hall on June 14 which also features Grand panto dame Ian Adams and Gill Jordan, best known for her alter-ego Doreen.

Other Grand highlights will include comedian Stewart Lee, Mod musical All Or Nothing featuring the music of The Small Faces, and flamboyant musical La Cage Aux Folles with West End stars John Partridge and Marti Webb.

Highlights at other venues include Wolves Are People Too at the Arena Theatre on Saturday, free event, Reynard The Fox: The Fabularium, at the Mander Centre on June 16. Illumaphonium is a free music installation at Light House Media Centre between noon and 8pm on June 17. A full list of events can be found in the brochure at participating venues or online at wlv.ac.uk/artsfest.

High hopes for Ruth's Pan fantasy

Birmingham Royal Ballet performs the world premiere of Arcadia at Birmingham Hippodrome this month.

The one-act ballet is the first major commission as choreographer for Birmingham Royal Ballet dancer Ruth Brill (pictured), and will be part of a three ballet programme alongside Michael Corder's Le Baiser de la fée and John Cranko's ever-popular Pineapple Poll.

Arcadia was born when BRB director David Bintley mentioned John Harle's music to Ruth. The Tyneside-born musician is probably best known for composing the theme to TV's Silent Witness and for working with Michael Nyman.

After watching her initial work, Bintley commissioned Ruth to choreograph Arcadia. Designed by Birmingham City University student Atena Ameri and accompanied by a striking new score from saxophonist Harle, this new work is centred around the Ancient Greek god Pan and his dual nature, as half-man, half-animal.

The Kent-born ballerina says: "This is an incredible opportunity for me as a young choreographer. It is rare for an artistic director to give an opportunity like this.

"I've learnt so much from David throughout this process and it's an honour to be part of the choreographic legacy of Birmingham Royal Ballet."

Ruth is no stranger to choreographing for diverse projects, both her Rhapsody In Blue and Matryoskha for BRB were memorable, but Arcadia represents her biggest challenge to date.

She says: "This is the first time I've worked with a composer and the collaboration with John Harle has been wonderful. We are also honoured that he will be performing live at every show."

Designer Atena Ameri has taken a year out from her degree at BCU to design the brand-new ballet, after wowing ballet bosses with her exceptional portfolio.

Birmingham Royal Ballet perform family favourite Coppélia from June 13 to 17. Then Arcadia is top of the triple bill from June 21 to 24. See www.brb.org.uk for further details.

Future has arrived with Kraftwerk

No doubt what the gig of the week is, the ultra-rare and long sold out 3D concert by Kraftwerk at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Tuesday.

The appearance by the robotic German synth pioneers is eagerly-awaited by fans of the group, whose melodic minimalist machine music has been highly influential on rock and dance music.

Since Kraftwerk emerged from Düsseldorf in the 70s, singing 'Wir fahren fahren fahren auf der Autobahn', the future they predicted has arrived.

Tributes from AC/DC through to the Big O

MUSICAL tributes are still all the rage. Wolverhampton Grand hosts And Finally... Phil Collins, an 11-piece band celebrating their tenth anniversary performing Phil Collins and Genesis songs, at the Lichfield Street venue on June 18. Over in Bilston at the Robin 2, tomorrow (Friday) The Doors Alive recreate the sound of Jim Morrison and co, then The Dirty DC rock like Aussie legends AC/DC on Saturday. Plus tributes to Slash on June 15 and Whip It outfit Devo on June 16. Novana play Cobain classics at the O2 Academy in Brum on Saturday, and the venue hosts Bat Sabbath, Cancer Bats' tribute to Black Sabbath on Wednesday. That's the same night Mercury: The Ultimate Queen Tribute is at the New Alexandra Theatre, which hosts The Illegal Eagles on June 15 and The Roy Orbison Story on June 16.

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The Voice Kids (ITV, 7.45pm)

New series. Emma Willis introduces the junior version of the singing talent contest, giving youngsters between the ages of eight and 14 a chance to achieve stardom. The Voice UK's Will.i.am returns as one of the three coaches, with McFly's Danny Jones and pop star Pixie Lott occupying the other two spinning red chairs. Up for grabs this time is a £30,000 prize to contribute to the winning child's musical education, along with a family holiday to Disneyland Paris.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Athletics: Diamond League Rome Highlights. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **4.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.05** BBC News. **5.15** Regional Programme. **5.25 Film:** Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. (1984) Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford.

7.15 Doctor Who. The Time Lord, Bill and Nardole find themselves on Mars, but despite removing themselves from Earth, they still end up embroiled in yet another stand-off between humanity and alien forces. This time, though, mankind has become the aggressor. In a bid to extend their queen's empire into space, Victorian soldiers have somehow invaded the red planet, and their activities threaten to awaken a hive of militant Ice Warriors, for whom Mars is home. As tensions escalate, the Doctor faces a unique dilemma. He has vowed to serve humanity as its protector, but when it is the humans who are the invaders, whose side should he take? Sci-fi drama, starring Peter Capaldi, Pearl Mackie and Matt Lucas.

8.00 Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, and battle it out to list as much as they know about a given subject.

8.45 Casualty. Violence at a right-wing rally outside a local Muslim community centre brings the Ellisson family back into the ER, and gives Ethan a chance to confront Scott about Cal's death.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes goes on a diet after her family's comments about her weight, but soon realises how difficult it will be to lay off the fish and chips. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.20 Would I Lie to You? Gareth Malone, Amanda Abbington, Richard Osman and Phill Jupitus join David Mitchell and guest captain Greg Davies on the truth-or-lies comedy panel show, hosted by Rob Brydon. (R)

10.50 Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.00 Film:** Dance, Girl, Dance. (1940) **8.25 Film:** The Westerner. (1940) **10.00** Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.30** Bette Davis: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.15 Film:** Now, Voyager. (1942) Romantic drama, starring Bette Davis and Claude Rains. **4.10** Flog It! (R) **5.00** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.00 Great Continental Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo ventures onto the European rail network to retrace journeys featured in George Bradshaw's 1913 publication Continental Guide. (R)

6.30 Dad's Army. (R)

7.00 Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2017. Kirsty Wark and Brenda Emmanus tour the Royal Academy galleries during a glamorous private preview of this year's Summer Exhibition, which is due to open to the public on Tuesday. The exhibition sees established British artists displaying work alongside that of less well-known contemporaries, and here, Kirsty and Brenda go behind the scenes of the event in the run-up to the grand opening. The pair meet some of the featured artists, and explore the process of curating the world's largest open-submission exhibition.

8.00 Live International Rugby Union. Argentina v England (Kick-off 8.15pm). Jason Mohammad presents coverage of the opening match of the two-Test series, staged at the Estadio San Juan del Bicentenario in San Juan. This tour represents a chance for several players to stake a claim to a regular place in Eddie Jones' squad, with England missing their leading stars to the Lions' tour of New Zealand. With commentary by Eddie Butler and Andy Robinson, and analysis by Clive Woodward and Jeremy Guscott.

10.30 Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights. England v Australia.

11.20 Versailles. Louis XIV returns to Versailles vowing to purify his private life, while Madame de Montespan hopes to cement her place in his heart. George Blagden and Anna Brewster star; (R) Inside Versailles.

12.20 Film: Elles. (2011) **1.55** This Is BBC Two.

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6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Sooty. (R) **6.35** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.45** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.10** Ben 10. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Home Game. (R) **10.20** Griff's Great Britain. (R) **10.50** Britain's Got Talent Final. (R) **1.20** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. John Inverdale presents coverage of the women's singles final. **4.30** World Cup Qualifier Live. Scotland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).

7.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.35 ITV News; Weather.

7.45 The Voice Kids. New series. Emma Willis introduces the junior version of the singing talent contest, giving youngsters between the ages of eight and 14 a chance to achieve stardom. The Voice UK's Will.i.am returns as one of the three coaches, with McFly's Danny Jones and pop star Pixie Lott occupying the other two spinning red chairs. Up for grabs this time is a £30,000 prize to contribute to the winning child's musical education, along with a family holiday to Disneyland Paris.

9.15 Film: Horrible Bosses. (2011) Premiere. A power-crazed bully, a sleazy cocaine addict and a sexual predator each make an employee's life a misery, but the three workers cannot afford to quit their jobs. They resort to desperate measures by conspiring to murder each other's bosses, with a little help from an eccentric ex-convict. Comedy, starring Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Aniston and Colin Farrell.

11.05 ITV News; Weather.

11.25 World Cup Qualifier Highlights. Scotland v England. Action from the Group F fixture, which took place at Hampden Park, as the old rivals met for the 114th time.

12.25 Tipping Point. Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R) **1.20** Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? Former footballer Neil Ruddock plays host. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.45** Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. **7.15** Swansea Triathlon. **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.25** Four in a Bed. (R) **1.55** Four in a Bed. (R) **2.30** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.00** Four in a Bed. (R) **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** Big House, Little House. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson. Tony follows the Ridgeway from the Wiltshire Downs, through Berkshire and Oxfordshire, finally arriving on the banks of the Thames. Along the way, he visits a world-famous stone circle and explores an ancient burial chamber that is older than the pyramids, follows in the tracks of Celtic chariots, and discovers the story behind a white horse. (R)

8.00 Film: Iron Man. (2008) Arms manufacturer Tony Stark is taken hostage by a terrorist group and realises the weapons his company build have been falling into the wrong hands. Using his engineering skills to construct a hi-tech armoured suit, he manages to escape and then puts the technology to good use in the fight against evil around the world. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard.

10.30 Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from Montreal, where the grid positions for the seventh round of the season were decided at the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

12.00 Film: Horns. (2013) A man suspected of murder grows horns and develops supernatural powers, which he uses to track down the real killer. Horror, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Juno Temple. **2.05** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace and Warren end up in a tricky situation. **4.05** Ackley Bridge. A six-part school drama series set in a Yorkshire mill town. (R) **5.00** Fifteen to One. (R) **5.55** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.35** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.30** FIA Formula E Live. The first Berlin ePrix race. **4.15** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R)

6.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A pensioner who fell out with his young neighbour over his loud parties, and two musicians who were not even at home when their neighbours claimed they were making too much noise. (R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Ben try to drill through the locks on a property to evict the residents, only to find to their surprise that the door has been modified with some special reinforced metal. Elsewhere, Delroy and Brian try to reclaim money a garage owes to a customer and are shocked by the condition of the vehicle in question, and a woman who has acted as guarantor for her sister's tenancy does not realise the extent of her responsibilities. (R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In Staffordshire agents try to collect nearly £2,500 in unpaid parking fines, while officers head to the West Midlands to recover £4,500 owed from a debtor to his former girlfriend. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing the housemates' reactions to the first eviction, as well as the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs and diary room visits. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.05 Best of Bad TV: The 90s. A look at the decade that brought many opportunities for eye-popping errors, including the ill-conceived TV sitcom Heil Honey I'm Home!, featuring a fictionalised Adolf Hitler. (R)

11.35 Lip Sync Battle UK: Peter Andre vs Gino D'Acampo. Melanie Brown and Professor Green present as reality star Peter Andre and presenter and Italian TV chef Gino D'Acampo go head to head lip-synching to hit songs. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10 Film:** Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery. (1997) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark **8.00** Nature's Great Events **9.00** Cardinal **10.25** Top of the Pops: 1984 **11.40** Metal at the BBC **12.10** Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned **1.10** More Dangerous Songs: And the Banned Played On **2.10** Meat Loaf: In and Out of Hell **3.10** Metal at the BBC **3.40** Close

ITV2

11.00 Take Me Out **12.25** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.30** You've Been Framed! Gold: The Next Generation **2.35 Film:** What a Girl Wants (2003) **3.35** FYI Daily **3.40 Film:** What a Girl Wants (2003) **4.40 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **6.50 Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55 Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2017 **2.10** Through the Keyhole **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.55 Lewis **3.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 The Motorbike Show **1.00** TT 2017 **2.00** ITV Racing: Live from Haydock. Coverage of today's race meetings at Haydock Park, Newmarket and Chester. **4.25** Live French Open Tennis. Coverage of the men's doubles final at Roland Garros. **6.30** Storage Wars **6.55** The Sweeney **8.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **9.00** TT 2017 **10.00** Cycling: Criterium du Dauphine Highlights **11.05 Film:** Transporter 3 (2008) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Transporter 3 (2008) **1.15** TT 2017 **2.10** The Motorbike Show **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.30 The Goldbergs **1.25** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.25 Film:** The Core (2003) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Pitch Perfect (2012) **11.15** Gogglebox **1.25** Rude Tube **3.20** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.05** First Dates Abroad **4.30** New Girl

Film4

11.00 Gideon of Scotland Yard (1958) **1.00** School of Rock (2003) **3.10** Carry On Nurse (1959) **4.55** Night at the Museum (2006) **7.05** Unstoppable (2010) **9.00** Red 2 (2013) **11.15** Legion (2010) **1.15** The French Connection (1971) **3.30** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV JUNE 11

CHOICE

Aiden Turner

Poldark
(BBC1, 9.00pm)
New series. The popular period drama based on the novels of Winston Graham returns. The year is 1794, and Ross Poldark throws himself into the business of repairing Nampara, and rebuilding his relationship with Demelza. However, Elizabeth's pregnancy continues to cast a shadow over the pair's marriage. Young Geoffrey Charles is placed in the care of a new governess, and he and Poldark bond over their shared hatred of George. Meanwhile, Demelza visits her dying father at the behest of her brothers, who have taken up Methodism, and Elizabeth places both her own life and that of her unborn child in danger when she tries to hide the fact that she has gone into labour early.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Regional Programme. **11.15** The Big Questions. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.45** Points of View. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Eat Well for Less? (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. The rural current affairs series visits Northern Ireland, where Joe heads into the woods near Belfast to help members of the RSPB tag swifts. He also tours a farm where physalis, mustard flowers and Asian radishes are found growing alongside the usual fare of potatoes, carrots and cauliflowers. Ellie takes in sites associated with St Patrick on Church Island, and Adam finds out why herdwick sheep are being used to graze on ground where some of the UK's rarest plants are found.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents a second show from New Lanark on the banks of the Clyde, where items brought in to be valued include diamonds that were found after being hidden inside an upholstered chair, a claret jug that was rescued from a pawn shop, and a banner for Britain's oldest subscription library, founded in 1741.

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10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Film: Captain America: The Winter Soldier. (2014) The superhuman soldier battles a mysterious cyborg assassin as he uncovers a sinister conspiracy. Comic-book thriller sequel, starring Chris Evans.

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.15 The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.05** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** The Beechgrove Garden. **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Great British Menu. (R) **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Sailing: America's Cup Highlights. **1.00** Triathlon: World Championship Series – Leeds. The ITU World Series meeting from Leeds.

6.00 The Fifteen Billion Pound Railway. Engineer Linda Miller battles to rebuild a Victorian tunnel under the Royal Docks in the East End as part of the Crossrail train line linking east and west London. Meanwhile, the Birminghams attempt to follow in the footsteps of 19th-century father-and-son team Marc and Isambard Kingdom Brunel as they construct a new tunnel beneath the Thames. (R)

7.00 Dragons' Den. The panel casts their eyes over plans for an innovative tool and a portable water-saving device – but a restaurateur struggles to get across his business plan. Evan Davis presents. (R)

8.00 The Life Swap Adventure. A Guyanese hunter from a rural village in the Amazon rainforest trades places with a civil servant from London who is dreaming of escaping the relentless rat race.

9.00 Paul Hollywood's Big Continental Road Trip. The Bake Off judge concludes his trip in France, where he tries to find out what makes the country tick when it comes to cars.

10.00 Mock the Week: Election Special. Angela Barnes, Ed Gamble, James Acaster, Milton Jones and Tez Ilyas join Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)

10.30 White Gold. Comedy drama set in a double-glazing showroom in Essex in the 1980s, where the unscrupulous salesmen are led by the charismatic Vincent Swan. Ed Westwick stars. (R)

11.00 Cricket: ICC Champions Trophy Highlights. India v South Africa.

11.50 Film: Kings of Curry. (2013) A woman planning her wedding wants both her father and her uncle to attend, so has to resolve their long-standing feud. Comedy, starring Amara Karan. In English and Hindi.

1.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.05** Holby City. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.25** Sooty. (R) **6.35** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.45** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.10** Ben 10. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Britain's Best Walks with Julia Bradbury. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.55** The Voice Kids. (R) **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. John Inverdale presents coverage of the men's singles final on the 15th day.

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Vera. DCI Stanhope and her team, including new recruit DC Hicham Cherradi, travel to a remote country house when the woman looking after it is killed. No sooner have they arrived, than a second body is discovered. Vera discovers the two victims met the night before their deaths, and goes in search of a connection between them. Forensics evidence reveals that one was definitely present when the other died – but when no murder weapon or motive can be found, Vera begins to suspect a third party was involved. (R)

9.00 The Loch. New series. The search for a serial killer in the area around Loch Ness becomes a matter of life and death for local detective Annie Redford, who is trying to cope with her first murder case. When the body of a local man is found at the foot of Carn Mohr Mountain and an isolated human heart on the loch shore, the town's normality is shattered and the nightmare begins. Drama, starring Laura Fraser and Siobhan Finneran.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 World Cup Qualifier Highlights. Action from the latest round of qualifying fixtures, including Scotland v England, Serbia v Wales, Azerbaijan v Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland v Austria.

11.35 Lethal Weapon. Cahill is targeted by a murderous stalker, Riggs begins to obsess over Murtaugh's past, while Roger and Trish locate their daughter's fake ID. (R)

12.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.20 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Frasier. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Eating Well with Hemsley + Hemsley. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Eat the Week. **1.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **2.30 Film:** The Devil Wears Prada. (2006) Comedy drama, starring Meryl Streep. **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **5.40** Homes by the Sea.

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 A Very British Hotel. Behind the scenes at London's Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, located in the heart of Knightsbridge and one of the world's most exclusive hotels. It has been a favourite with royals from all around the globe, celebrities and the super-rich for more than 100 years, and the series starts with the hotel in the middle of its busy summer season. (R)

8.00 Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge. The competition to find the ultimate cabin in the wild concludes as a treehouse design takes on a stylish tin-clad construction for a place in the grand finale. Last in the series.

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale. Offred accompanies Serena Joy on a visit to see Ofwarren's baby, but she fears the new mother has become delusional when she confides that she thinks her commander is in love with her. Later Offred is taken away in a black van to be interrogated by an Eye and Aunt Lydia about her knowledge of Ofglen, who has been taken to a detention centre. In a flashback to the rise of Gilead, June and her female colleagues are fired and the government orders a freeze on bank accounts held by women. Elisabeth Moss stars.

10.15 Formula 1: Hamilton Vs Vettel. A look at the rivalry between Lewis Hamilton and Sebastien Vettel, two multiple champions who seems destined to challenge for the title again this season.

10.30 Formula 1: Canadian Grand Prix Highlights. Action from the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal. Lewis Hamilton was looking for his third successive victory in this race and sixth overall.

12.35 Grand Prix: The Killer Years. (R) **1.35** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Mr Men. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.30** Wissper. (R) **6.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.50** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.00** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.10** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.15** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.00** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.15** Wissper. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.05** Little Princess. (R) **9.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.40 Film:** Agent Cody Banks. (2003) Family spy adventure, starring Frankie Muniz. **12.40** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.35** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits 2. (R) **2.30** FIA Formula E Live. The second Berlin ePrix race. **4.15 Film:** Footloose. (1984) Drama, starring Kevin Bacon.

6.25 Film: Dirty Dancing. (2017) Premiere. Musical remake of the romantic drama. Abigail Breslin stars as an awkward teenager staying with her family at a holiday camp in the 1960s. She embarks on a life-changing romance with the camp's charismatic dance instructor (Colt Prattes), despite the disapproval of her parents and the condemnation of society in general. With Bruce Greenwood, Debra Messing and Billy Dee Williams. Edited for sexual content.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 Film: Friends with Kids. (2011) Premiere. Two single friends decide to have a baby together, while continuing to date other people. Comedy, directed by and starring Jennifer Westfeldt. With Adam Scott. Includes 5 News Update at 11.00pm.

12.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **1.05** SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **3.10 Film:** Fighter Attack. (1953) Second World War drama, starring Sterling Hayden. **4.35** Access. **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Nigel Slater: Life Is Sweets **8.00** The Secret Life of the Motorway **9.00** Horizon: Secrets of the Solar System **10.00** Inside God's Observatory: A Sky at Night Special **10.30** Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy **11.30** Horizon: 40 Years on the Moon **12.30** Nature's Great Events **1.30** Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down **2.30** Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy **3.30** Close

ITV2

11.50 Film: The Flintstones (1994) **12.50** FYI Daily **12.55 Film:** The Flintstones (1994) **1.35 Film:** St Trinian's (2007) **2.35** FYI Daily **2.40 Film:** St Trinian's (2007) **3.30** The Voice Kids **5.00 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **7.00 Film:** Coyote Ugly (2000) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05 Film:** Coyote Ugly (2000) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.05 Film: Death on the Nile (1978) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10 Film:** Death on the Nile (1978) **2.55** Foyle's War **5.00** Midsomer Murders **7.00** When Phillip Met Prince Philip: 60 Years of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award **8.00** Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.00** Wire in the Blood **3.25** May the Best House Win **5.10** On the Buses **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.15 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round five from Croft. **6.00** The Car Chasers **6.55** Storage Wars **7.25** World Cup Qualifier Live. Macedonia v Spain (Kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** Cycling: Criterium du Dauphine Highlights **11.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **12.00** River Monsters **2.10** Tommy Cooper **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen

E4

11.00 New Girl **11.30** Kevin Can Wait **12.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **12.30 Film:** Turner & Hooch (1989) **2.30** The Goldbergs **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.30 Film:** Star Trek (2009) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Rude Tube **11.00** Gogglebox **1.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.00** Rude Tube

Film4

11.00 ParaNorman (2012) **1.00** The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising (2007) **3.00** Epic (2013) **5.05** Vice Versa (1988) **7.00** Ride Along (2014) **9.00** Escape Plan (2013) **11.15** Oldboy (2013)

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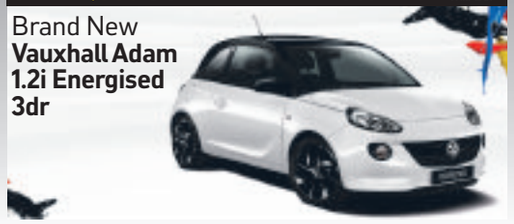

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£159	£159	£2000^	£12,395**	£10,636	NIL
Guaranteed Min Future Value	**Finance Deposit Allowance**	**Total Amount Payable**	**Annual Mileage**	**Duration of Agreement**	**Fixed Rate of Interest**
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Guaranteed Min Future Value	**Finance Deposit Allowance**	**Total Amount Payable**	**Annual Mileage**	**Duration of Agreement**	**Fixed Rate of Interest**
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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Parenthood, ITV, 10.40pm
Anxious family man Gil Buckman is determined to have a better relationship with his three children than he had with his tough father. Elsewhere, his two sisters are also having family problems. Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin, Keanu Reeves, Mary Steenburgen and Jason Robards. (1989)

TUESDAY
Taken Back: Finding Haley, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman whose daughter goes missing spends years obsessing over finding her. She meets a girl who she becomes convinced is her child, and tries to prove that her parents are in fact kidnappers. Thriller, starring Moira Kelly and Amanda Tapping. (2012)

WEDNESDAY
Outrageous Fortune, Channel 4, 1.55am
A porn star and a drama student discover they have one thing in common – they are being two-timed by the same man. When their lover mysteriously disappears, they team up to find him, only to learn he is an agent of a foreign power. Comedy, starring Bette Midler, Shelley Long and Robert Prosky. (1987)

Confetti, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

THURSDAY
Expecting Amish, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An Amish teenager joins her friends in Los Angeles, expecting to return home after a year and marry her boyfriend. She has an affair with a DJ during the break, which shakes her devotion to her culture. When she realises she is pregnant, she faces being ostracised from her family. Drama, starring AJ Michalka and Alyson Stoner. (2014)

FRIDAY
Confetti, BBC2, 11.05pm
Three couples compete for the title of Most Original Wedding of the Year, with a film crew following the preparations. Theatre-loving Matt and Sam plan a musical marriage, naturists Michael and Joanna brave the elements for their all-nude nuptials, while fiercely competitive Josef and Isabelle warm up for a sporty ceremony. Spoof documentary, starring Martin Freeman, Jessica Hynes and Robert Webb. (2006)

A lawyer aiming to put right miscarriages of justice

Who said there aren't enough roles for women of a certain age on TV?

Clearly they haven't been watching the box during the past few years, because this is a golden period for such dramas.

Sarah Lancashire recently won a Bafta for her brilliant performance in the second series of Happy Valley, while her Last Tango in Halifax co-star Nicola Walker has had lead roles in River and Unforgotten. Anna Friel is currently appearing in the BBC's Broken and previous starred in ITV's Marcella.

And then there's Helen McCrory. Although always hugely talented, she's come into her own in recent years, with roles Peaky Blinders, Penny Dreadful, Leaving and now this new, six-part drama.

It's been created and written by Patrick Harbinson, whose previous credits include 24 and Homeland (which starred McCrory's husband, Damian Lewis).

"A few years ago I was asked if I would be interested in writing a drama about a radical lawyer," explains Harbinson, "I said yes – as long as the stories could have a strong political element to them, ie they were set in the grey area where politics and law could collide, and as long as the lawyer in question could be something of a throwback – an 'unreconstructed lefty lawyer', as Michael Gambon's character calls her.

"The result was Emma Banville, played by Helen McCrory. Fearless is about an abuse of justice, Kevin Russell is convicted of murdering 15-year-old Linda Simms in 2003, and an abuse of power – political forces with no obvious connection to the case are determined to ensure Russell's conviction is upheld."

He adds: "If there's a point to this series, beyond what I hope is six entertaining hours of TV, it's that this apparently 'indefensible' person could one day be any of us – just as one day it was Stefan Kiszko, Christopher Jefferies and five Irishmen on a train from Birmingham – and let's hope there's an Emma there to defend us."

"We've seen strong female leads on TV, but Patrick Harbinson has created a character I've never seen before," says McCrory. "A very vulnerable her to the next generation. A woman who really is a pioneer and is finding her own way. A reaction to her own damaged past, but also Emma cares so much about what's happening in the world about her.

"Emma feels alone. She's not part of an establishment. She's not part of a gang. You see her on the street and you see her investigating and trying to find out the truth. That really touched me because I felt this is exactly where the world is at the moment."

McCrory is at the heart and soul of the drama, but she's surrounded by other fine talents, including the aforementioned Gambon, who plays an influential and highly respected academic, Wunmi Mosaku, who takes the role of Olivia Greenwood, who investigated the Linda Simms case, and John Bishop, who has been cast as Emma's partner.

Jonathan Forbes and Helen McCrory star in Fearless, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Amazing Animal Births
ITV, 8pm
New series. Zoologist Lucy Cooke sees first-hand the incredible bond between animals and their newborn offspring. She begins by heading to the Yorkshire Dales to join shepherdess Amanda Owen and her husband Clive, who have more than a thousand sheep that lamb on some of the toughest terrain in Britain. Lucy then visits Howletts Wild Animal Park in Kent, which is part of animal conservation charity The Aspinall Foundation, where she witnesses the birth of a black rhino - of which there are only around 2,500 of left in the wild.

How to Stay Well
Channel 4, 8.30pm
New series. GPs Phil Kieran and Helen Lawal and A&E doctor Javid Abdelmoneim investigate worrying medical stories, finding out which ones people should really be concerned about and what can be done to stay healthy. In the first edition, Javid heads to the New Forest to discover whether it is possible to get Lyme disease while walking the dog, Phil carries out an experiment to learn if smart phones are affecting men's fertility, and Helen looks into new research into how far a sneeze can carry disease.

TUESDAY
Jo Cox: Death of an MP
BBC2, 9pm
On June 16, 2016, in the midst of EU referendum campaigning, Jo Cox MP was murdered by Thomas Mair. This documentary tells the story of her attack and events surrounding it via the testimony of those closest to it, including Jo's family, witnesses and those who knew the killer. The victim's political convictions and the issues she fought for clashed with Mair's viewpoint, which some believe motivated him to kill. Here, access to West Yorkshire Police's murder investigation is drawn together for the first time.

WEDNESDAY
Ackley Bridge
Channel 4, 8pm
Jordan finds himself in charge of a baby that he has to sneak into school, but it is harder to conceal than he first anticipated, so blackmails PE teacher Steve into helping him out. Unable to return it to its mother, a stumped Steve ends up taking Jordan and the baby back to his house.

THURSDAY
Wife Swap: Brexit Special
Channel 4, 9pm
The reality show returns for a one-off edition. Pauline, Andy and 14-year-old Katie live on Canvey Island - the area with the nation's third highest 'out' vote. For seven days, bar worker Pauline swaps her home, job and family with psychotherapist and Green Party councillor Kat, who lives in rural Nottinghamshire with her partner Roger and 17-year-old daughter Sophie. These strong-minded women immerse themselves in each other's lives and face issues around immigration, class and racism. But will they hear anything that changes their mind about Brexit?

Wife Swap: Brexit Special, Thursday, Channel 4, 9pm

Battling the Bailiffs
Channel 4, 10pm
Documentary about campaigners on a mission to prevent people being evicted by standing up to bailiffs. The housing crisis has resulted in more than 50 families a week being evicted. Filmed over nine months, this film follows 42-year-old boxing trainer Chrissy Morris and his friends who are battling the system, spending their spare time travelling around the country and stopping the bailiffs in their tracks.

FRIDAY
Gardeners' World
BBC2, 8pm
The programme celebrates its 50th anniversary at Gardeners' World Live at Birmingham's NEC. Joe Swift and Adam Frost explore the show gardens and meet a designer who has created a garden showcasing 50 years of changing trends.

Lethal Weapon
ITV, 9pm
Riggs and Murtaugh are forced once more to work with DEA agent Karen Palmer in order to protect Leo Getz, an ambulance-chasing attorney linked to the Cartel. As the three delve further into the case, they begin to realise that Leo may not be the only one with a target on his back. Meanwhile, Riggs begins to view Agent Palmer in a new light, while Murtaugh is left worried after Trish makes a spontaneous decision. Damon Wayans, Clayne Crawford and Hilarie Burton star in this fast-paced series, based on the hit, big-screen movie.

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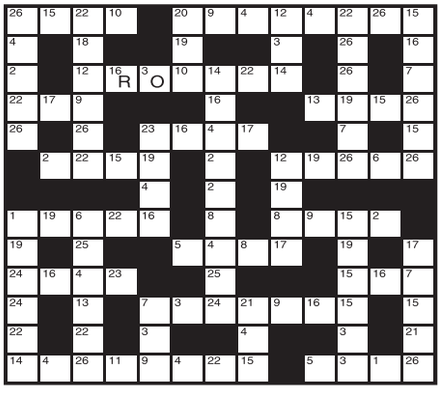

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 D	2 X	3 F	4 Z	5 A	6 E	7 J	8 T	9 H	10 O	11 Q	12 B	13 L	
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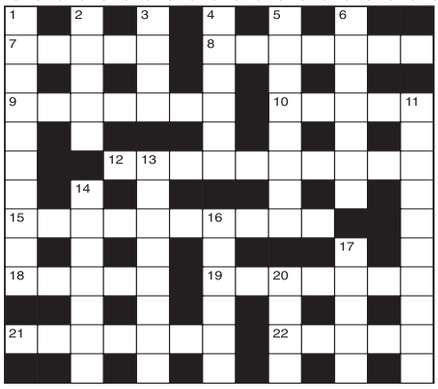
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. He has a short way to pull (5)
8. Guard gives a warning (4,3)
9. A show presented before the show (7)
10. Not above using two foreign articles (5)
12. A source of light at the seance? (6,4)
15. Thought one had respected other people's feelings (10)
18. Not going to any great lengths to be polite (5)
19. Unusually angered (7)
21. Brightened up when found not guilty (7)
22. Weeds prepared for eating (5)

Down

1. In the main, they're disasters (10)
2. Scene of a towering row (5)
3. It's never been seen, still I follow it (4)
4. A runner, but not in the vegetable garden (6)
5. She vainly seeks masculine attentions (8)
6. Warm drink (7)
11. Some steps that have to be suspended (4-6)
13. Artists keep a boat by the bank (8)
14. In a bad temper the day none came round (7)
16. Makes it correct for me to be in tails (6)
17. Possibly eager to correspond (5)
20. Ill-considered evidence of a feverish disposition (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

7. Play (5)
8. Tableland (7)
9. Upside-down (7)
10. Weary (5)
12. Charming (10)
15. Disparity (10)
18. Loop (5)
19. Pedagogue (7)
21. Exhaust (7)
22. Precise (5)

Down

1. High regard (10)
2. Bisect (5)
3. Brace (4)
4. Seem (6)
5. Disciplinarian (8)
6. Chorus (7)
11. Deteriorate (10)
13. Offensive (8)
14. Spring back (7)
16. Epistle (6)
17. Inexpensive (5)
20. Freshly (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Take sides; 8 Man; 9 Come to a stop; 11 Parapet; 12 Hydra; 13 Others; 15 Plumbs; 17 Hunts; 18 Baronet; 20 Mountain ash; 22 Ire; 23 Dispenser. Down: 2 Ado; 3 Sit up; 4 Drafts; 5 Satchel; 6 Impedimenta; 7 In transit; 10 Merchantmen; 11 Prophetic; 14 Resound; 16 Abates; 19 Raise; 21 See.
QUICK - Across: 1 Ignoramus; 8 Eat; 9 Appointment; 11 Extreme; 12 Talon; 13 Cattle; 15 Sedate; 17 Short; 18 Convict; 20 Inheritance; 22 Van; 23 Treasurer. Down: 2 Gap; 3 Raise; 4 Matter; 5 Sheathe; 6 Retaliation; 7 Stringent; 10 Petitioning; 11 Excessive; 14 Latchet; 16 Scarce; 19 Notes; 21 Cue.

Quiz

1. What did Christopher Cockerell invent in 1959?
2. Who wrote the book Perestroika in 1987?
3. Which Thomas Hardy novel is subtitled 'A Pure Woman'?
4. Which lake's German name is Bodensee?
5. What is Fats Domino's real first name?
6. Of what is a naevus a type?
7. To which country do the Azores belong?
8. With which instrument is Ravi Shankar chiefly associated?
9. What animal has Indian, African black and broad-lipped varieties?
10. Whose most famous role was Norman Bates?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Bessie Smith; 2 Richard Wagner; 3 Jesuit; 4 Judy Garland; 5 Stormont; 6 Dried meat; 7 Chairman Mao; 8 Nave; 9 The Regency; 10 Eritrea.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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323321 gives a seasoning,
58924765 gives a herb.

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In more detail the entrance hall has laminate flooring and stairs off.

The lounge has a feature fireplace with an living flame gas fire, a bow window and French doors to the rear garden.

Having feature ceiling beams, the dining room has laminate flooring.

Having a range of wall and base units with wooden work surfaces, the fitted kitchen includes a double electric oven with a gas hob and extractor hood over, an integrated dishwasher, space with plumbing for a washing machine and further appliance space, laminate flooring and a wooden stable door leading to the rear garden.

On the first floor, bedroom one overlooks the front of the property and has a range of built-in wardrobes. Bedroom two also overlooks the front and bedroom three has built-in storage and overlooks the rear.

The bathroom has a corner panelled bath with a shower attachment, a walk-in shower cubicle and pedestal hand wash basin. It also has tiled walls and flooring. There is also a separate WC.

The front of the property has a driveway leading to the garage with up and over door, having light and power. The fore garden is mainly laid to lawn with brick steps leading to front entrance door.

A pathway leads to the enclosed rear garden. This has a paved area with steps leading up to a patio seating area and further steps to the tiered lawns.

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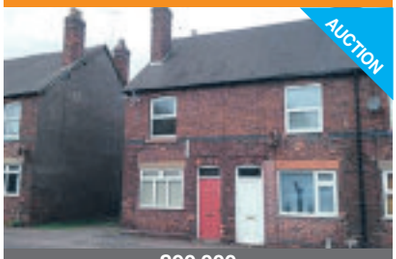

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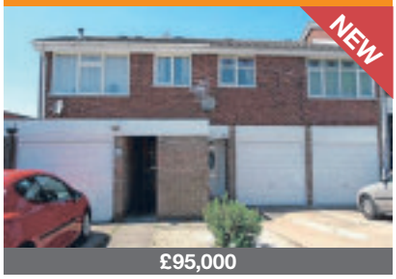

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CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED 3 BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Originally Built In The Popular Interwar Period In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Extended refitted L shaped dining kitchen
- ◆ Refitted cloaks/ shower room
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating E (47)

£234,950 FREEHOLD

430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING SECLUDED POSITION IN PRIVATE DRIVE
Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford, Heath Hayes and Cannock Centres

- ◆ Side reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Possible garage space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

18 SNAPE ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD

NO CHAIN

IMPROVED WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Well Established Residential Area

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Dining/utility room
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Fully tiled bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Well maintained gardens
- ◆ EPC rating tbc

£124,950 FREEHOLD

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- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Two garages
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

£495,000 FREEHOLD

42 VALE GARDENS, PENKRIDGE

NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED SECOND FLOOR FLAT LOCATED IN THIS POPULAR SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE MARKET VILLAGE
Conveniently Located For Easy Access to Good Facilities

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Entrance lobby with cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Inner lobby
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (68)

£99,950

4 RUTLAND ROAD, HEATH HAYES

NO CHAIN

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Popular Cul-De-Sac Close to Facilities at Heath Hayes Village Centre

- ◆ Porch and reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ L shaped kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (60)

£149,950 FREEHOLD

16 LISSIMORE DRIVE, TIPTON

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In This Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby and reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Allocated parking in secure parking area
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating C (74)

£80,000

566 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, RAWNSLEY

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTERWAR PERIOD
Located In Popular Position Close to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and garage space
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

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- ◆ Utility
- ◆ Gas fired central heating (LPG)
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking
- ◆ For persons agred 50 and over

£80,000 LEASEHOLD

44 SHAWS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THIS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE
Convenient For Wide Range of Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge with dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Sun lounge and cellar storage area
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Viewing recommended
- ◆ EPC rating F (27)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

24 HAWTHORNE ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN

WELL MAINTAINED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
located In Popular Area of The Village

- ◆ Canopy porch & entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens & off road parking
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

£159,950 FREEHOLD

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2	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	N/A	RETAINED
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6	DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£185,000	SALE AGREED

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

£149,950

135 ARMITAGE ROAD, RUGELEY

A WELL APPOINTED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM DETACHED DORMER BUNGALOW OCCUPYING LARGE PLOT WITH MOORING ON TO THE TRENT AND MERSEY CANAL TO THE REAR With The Benefit of Planning Permission For Further Extension To The First Floor Accommodation

- ◆ Enclosed porch & reception hall
- ◆ Lounge & dining room
- ◆ Kitchen & utility room
- ◆ Conservatory & shower Room
- ◆ Three bedrooms & first floor WC
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
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- ◆ EPC rating tbc

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10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARESHILL

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- Refitted family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked mature gardens
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

18 BLACKHAM ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD

TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Lounge & dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen
- Side porch & utility area
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating: D (58)

£550pcm

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Integral garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (72)

£695pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTConveniently Located In Much Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£625pcm

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY

WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Cellar
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

2 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSIONSituated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Enclosed rear terrace
- Communal grounds & parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (71)

£695pcm (Plus Service Charge)

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Situated At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Landscaped gardens
- Carport & extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£800pcm

1 CLOCK MEWS, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds & parking
- EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm (Plus Service Charge)

3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£550pcm

339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

15 BURGOYNE STREET, CANNOCK

WELL APPOINTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility room
- Ground floor shower room
- Four double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£950pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Commual grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (77)

£685pcm

48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Ground floor WC
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets, smokers or children
- EPC rating: F (35)

£695pcm

8 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

WELL APPOINTED THREE BEDROOM THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal parking & grounds
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£775pcm

4 BRADBURY COURT, HEDNESFORD

FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
located In Private Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage and gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry No smokers, pets or DD
- EPC rating D (59)

£825pcm

6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (60)

£600pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

UNDER APPLICATION

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner Hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Communal landscaped gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (69)

£615pcm

16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Refitted en-suite shower room
- All windows double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (71)

£650pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Detached garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated secure parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

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- En-suite shower room
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- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

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Lounge	EPC D

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£190,000

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£185,000

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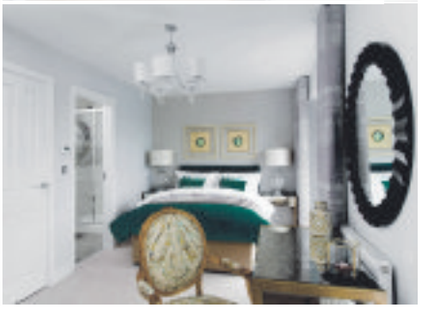

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K. Stuart Swash

AUCTION - 20TH JUNE 2017

9 HOPSTONE GARDENS, PENN.

Quiet cul de sac location. Extended and spacious accommodation, CH., DG., Hall, Cloakroom, 24ft. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Pantry, fitted Cloaks, Utility, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, lovely Rear Garden - open outlook beyond. EPC: D.57

Guide: £230,000 - £235,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
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36C RICHES STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON

Spacious, Two Reception, Three Bed Semi with Two Bedroomed Garden Annexe and large Outbuilding, double gated entrance driveway. EPC; TBA

Guide: £115,000 - £120,000

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63 PARK ROAD EAST, WOLVERHAMPTON

Ripe for refurbishment. Excellent corner position. Outlook to West Park

Two Reception, Three Beds, Garage Space. EPC: TBA

Guide: £69,000 - £74,000

VIEWING:
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13 PEACOCK AVENUE, WEDNESFIELD

Well located for schooling and amenities. Spacious Semi, Double Glazing

Porch, Two Reception, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, attractive Gardens. EPC: E.52

Guide: £85,000 - £95,000

VIEWING:
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9 & 9A CROSS STREET, BRIDGTOWN, CANNOCK

Excellent conversion into Two 2-Bed Flats

Smart Kitchens & Bathrooms, Gas CH, Yard area and Parking., EPC: C.70 + D.68

Guide: £128.000 - £135,000

VIEWING:
FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
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PADDOCK OF FREEHOLD LAND R/O Nos. 94 & 95 COVEN ROAD, BREWOOD

Well located enclosed Paddock est. 0.5 acre approx. with Planning Permission for erection of Stable Block. Mains Services available.

Guide: £49,000 - £54,000

VIEWING:
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21 CANTERBURY ROAD, PENN

Within an established residential area. Entrance drive, Porch, Hall, Two Reception, Kitchen, Pantry, g/f WC, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, WC, Garage, Rear Terrace, Garden approx. 120ft in depth. EPC: D.56

Guide: £165,000 - £175,000

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GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Traditional Extended Detached House — 4 beds, 2 baths
- Breath Taking Views To The Rear
- Beautiful Gardens

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BURNTWOOD, MACADAM CLOSE

- En Suite To Master — 4 beds, 2 baths
- Conservatory
- Rural Views To Front Aspect
- Private Cul-De-Sac Location — D

Great Wyrley Office - £325,000

CHESLYN HAY, BESOM WAY

- Well Maintained Detached House — 4 beds, 2 baths
- Highly Sought After Location
- Viewing Highly recommended
- En-Suite To Master

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BLOXWICH, SANSTONE ROAD

- Detached Bungalow — 3 beds, 1 bath
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen with built-in appliances
- No Upward Chain — C

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BURNTWOOD, MORLINGS DRIVE

- Link Detached House — 4 beds, 2 baths
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Cul-De-Sac

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GREAT WYRLEY, WARDLES LANE

- Extended Detached House — 4 beds, 1 bath
- Prime Village Location
- Conservatory
- Front Side & Rear Gardens — E

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HEDNESFORD, ST GEORGE DRIVE

- Finished To A High Standard — 4 beds, 1 bath
- En-Suite To Master
- Utility & Guest W.C.
- Garage — D

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LICHFIELD, FRANCIS ROAD

- Detached House — 3 beds, 1 bath
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

Burntwood Office - £225,000

BURNTWOOD, MORLINGS DRIVE

- Three Double Bedrooms — 3 beds, 1 bath
- Lounge/Diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Great Wyrley Office - £220,000

CHESLYN HAY, KESTREL WAY

- Extended Link Detached House — 3 beds, 1 bath
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Beautiful Gardens — D

Great Wyrley - £185,000

CHESLYN HAY, LOW STREET

- Three Double Bedrooms — 3 beds, 2 baths
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Through Lounge
- No upward chain

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BURNTWOOD, COULSON CLOSE

- Semi-detached House — 2 beds, 1 bath
- Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Rural Views To Front — C

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HEDNESFORD
CROXLEY DRIVE

Detached	En Suite
Lounge	GCH & DG
Dining Room	Double Garage
Kitchen	Rear Garden
4 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D
Bathroom	

Offers Over £310,000

CANNOCK
HEATHGAP ROAD

Detached	Bathroom
Lounge Diner	GCH & DG
Kitchen	Garage
Utility	Rear Garden
Study	EPC Rating D
3 Bedrooms	

£199,950

HEDNESFORD
BROMLEY CLOSE

Semi Detached	Gas Central
House	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen Diner	Rear Garden
2 Bedrooms	Parking
Bathroom	EPC Rating C

£125,000

HUNTINGTON
BRACKEN ROAD

Semi Detached	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen Diner	Rear Garden
3 Bedrooms	Driveway
D/S Bathroom	EPC Rating D
Gas Central	

£109,950

CANNOCK
OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD

Unfurnished	Bathroom
Detached House	GCH & DG
Lounge	Garden
Dining Room	Parking
Kitchen	EPC Rating D
3 Bedrooms	

£795 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
SIDON HILL WAY

Unfurnished	Bathroom
Semi Detached	GCH & DG
House	Rear Garden
Lounge	Parking
Kitchen	EPC Rating C
2 Bedrooms	

£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BURNTWOOD
DEAL AVENUE

Unfurnished	Gas Central
First Floor Flat	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen	Rear Garden
2 Bedrooms	Parking
Bathroom	EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished	Gas Central
First Floor Flat	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen	Parking
3 Bedrooms	EPC Rating D
Bathroom	

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
BEECH TREE COURT

Unfurnished	Gas Central
Second Floor Flat	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen	Parking
2 Bedrooms	EPC Rating C
Bathroom	

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE

Unfurnished	Heating
Town House	Double Glazing
Lounge	Rear Garden
Kitchen	Parking
2 Bedrooms	EPC Rating E
Bathroom	

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
ST JOHNS COURT

Part Furnished	Electric Heating
First Floor Flat	Double Glazing
Lounge	2 Parking Spaces
Kitchen	EPC Rating D
1 Bedroom	
Shower Room	

£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
HILL STREET

Unfurnished	Gas Central
Ground Floor Flat	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen	Parking
1 Bedroom	EPC Rating C
Bathroom	

£425 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WIMBLEBURY
HAMILTON CLOSE

Unfurnished	Heating
Ground Floor Flat	Double Glazing
Lounge	Parking
Kitchen	EPC Rating D
1 Bedroom	
Bathroom	

£350 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WATLING STREET

Unfurnished	Heating
First Floor Flat	Parking
Lounge	EPC Rating G
Kitchen	
1 Bedroom	
Shower Room	

£320 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

Unfurnished	Bathroom
Terrace House	GCH & DG
Lounge	Rear Garden
Dining Room	EPC Rating E
Kitchen	
3 Bedrooms	

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HICKORY COURT

Unfurnished	Gas Central
Town House	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen	Rear Garden
2 Bedrooms	Parking
Bathroom	EPC Rating D

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
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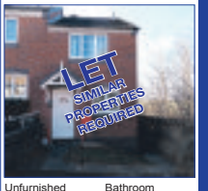

Unfurnished	Bathroom
Semi Detached	Heating
House	Double Glazing
Lounge	Garden
Kitchen	Parking
2 Bedrooms	EPC Rating E

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished	Gas Central
Ground Floor Flat	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen	Parking
2 Bedrooms	EPC Rating C
Bathroom	

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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LOT 1

THE LIMES, 193 PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 5SB

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Semi detached house ◆ Three bedrooms
◆ Two reception rooms
◆ In need of refurbishment
◆ Part double glazed
◆ Gas fired central heating
◆ EPC rating F (36)

GUIDE PRICE £80,000 - £90,000

LOT 2

279 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 4AT
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Semi detached house
◆ Three bedrooms
◆ Two reception rooms
◆ In need or refurbishment
◆ Gas fired central heating
◆ Part double glazing
◆ EPC rating E (39)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 3

226 CANNOCK ROAD, WEDNESFIELD, WV10 8PW

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Good sized semi detached house ◆ In popular location
◆ Two reception rooms ◆ Kitchen
◆ Conservatory ◆ Three bedrooms ◆ Bathroom
◆ Predominantly double glazed
◆ Gas fired central heating
◆ EPC rating E (42)

GUIDE PRICE £90,000+

LOT 4

LAND ADJ IVY GARDENS, BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES, WS11 9SE
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Individual building plot
◆ Ripe for immediate development
◆ Planning permission for development of detached two bedroom bungalow

GUIDE PRICE £35,000-£40,000

LOT 5

LAND BETWEEN 6 & 14 FOUNDARY LANE, PELSALL, WS3 4GH
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Individual building plot
◆ With planning permission for 2 bedroomed detached house
◆ Detached two bedroomed bungalow
◆ Ripe for immediate development

GUIDE PRICE £50,000+

LOT 6

159 STAFFORD ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 4AL

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Good size inner terraced house
◆ Needing some refurbishment ◆ Three bedrooms
◆ Two reception rooms ◆ Predominantly double glazed
◆ Gas fired central heating
◆ EPC rating D (56)

GUIDE PRICE £85,000+

LOT 7

12 WARREN CLOSE, RAWNSLEY, CANNOCK, WS12 0JY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Spacious three bedroomed semi detached house
◆ Ideal buy to let
◆ In need of some improvement
◆ Partial gas fired central heating
◆ Replacement PVC window frames
◆ EPC rating tbc

GUIDE PRICE £85,000+

LOT 8

34 MARKET STREET, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1AF

FREEHOLD COMMERCIAL/ RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

◆ Prominently located on busy town centre thoroughfare
◆ Relatively new lease just completed
◆ Longstanding commercial tenant
◆ Ground floor - lock up shop
◆ First floor - Self contained flat
◆ Currently producing £7,280 pa capable of £11,480 pa when fully let

GUIDE PRICE £90,000+

LOT 9

LAND TO REAR OF 174/176 BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4JA
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Freehold residential building land
◆ With outline planning permission
◆ For redevelopment with 6No. two bedroomed flats

GUIDE PRICE £125,000 - £150,000

LOT 10

79 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 1AP
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Two storey maisonette in popular residential development
◆ Two bedrooms
◆ Electric heating
◆ Double glazing
◆ In need of improvement
◆ Close to facilities at the town centre
◆ EPC rating tbc

GUIDE PRICE £65,000+

LOT 11
LAND 7 HILL STREET, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1SJ

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

◆ Individual building plot
◆ With planning permission
◆ Detached four bedroomed house
◆ Ripe for immediate development

GUIDE PRICE £100,000+

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FREE VALUATIONS

The Malt House, Lichfield

- STUNNING GROUND FLOOR DUPLEX APARTMENT
- MODERN OPEN PLAN LIVING
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- BATHROOM & ENSUITE MOTIVATED SELLER
- GRADE II LISTED EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

£295,000

Hatton Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage

£249,950

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

Offers Over £230,000

Rowan Close, Huntington

- Immaculate Four Bed Home
- Stylish Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge & Conservatory
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Garage & Downstairs WC
- Low Maintenace Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Chase

£215,000

Pebblemill Close, Cannock

- Four Bedroom Detached Gas Central Heating System
- Close To Cannock Town
- No Upward Chain
- Fitted Kitchen & Dining Area
- Spacious Living Room
- Gas Central Heating System

£200,000

New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge/Diner
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£189,950

Kenmore Avenue, Hednesford

- Corner Plot In Small Cul-de-Sac
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Could Be Split into 4 Bed
- Spacious Lounge / Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- En-suite Shower Room & Bathroom

£189,950

Hednesford Road, Norton Canes

- Detached Three Bedroom House
- Views To The Front Over Field
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Gas Central Heating System

£179,950

Huntington Terrace Road, Chadsmoor

- Detached Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner & Guest WC
- Large Rear Garden
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- No Chain Involved
- Gas Central Heating
- Very Well Presented

£159,950

Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage

£132,000

Oxford Road, Cannock

- NO CHAIN INVOLVED
- TWO BED END TERRACE
- CONSERVATORY
- CLOSE TO RAILWAY STATION
- GARAGE / PARKING AT REAR
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM
- WET ROOM

£130,000

Riverside Court, Cannock

- IMMACULATE APARTMENT
- UNDERCOVER PARKING
- TWO BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE & BATHROOM
- STUNNING KITCHEN N
- PRIVATE BALCONY F
- NO CHAIN INVOLVED

£120,000

Station Road, Hednesford

- Charming Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking at Rear
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Close To Train Station
- Ideal Starter Home

£110,000

Blake Close, Cannock

- Modern Style Town House EPC - D
- Sought After Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal Investment
- Gardens & Parking
- No Chain

£110,000

Lupin Drive, Huntington

- Modern Second Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- 40% Shared Ownership
- Generous Accommodation
- Immaculately Presented
- D/Glazed & Gas/C/Heating
- Energy Rating C

£41,000

Wootton Court, Cannock

- Ground floor apartment
- Close to Cannock town centre
- Good size lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Allocated parking

£510pcm sorry no DSS & no pets

McGhie Court, Hednesford

- First floor apartment
- Open plan kitchen / lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Off road parking

£525pcm sorry no DSS & no pets

Harpers Court, Heath Hayes

- Second Floor Apartment
- Reception Hall
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Bathroom
- Two Bedrooms

£565pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Baker Street, Burntwood

- Semi detached bungalow
- Lounge with doors to garden
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Double bedroom
- Available now.

£585pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Coronation Road, Stafford

- Modern terrace house
- Lounge with gas fire
- Kitchen with cooker and hob
- Two bedrooms
- Parking
- Available to view

£625pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Rosemary Avenue, Stafford

- Corner plot - cul de sac location
- Kitchen/diner
- Spacious lounge
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Ample parking on driveway

£650pcm sorry no DSS & no pets

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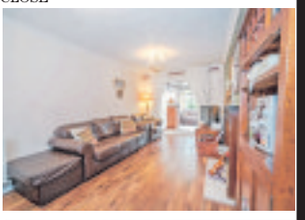
CANNOCK
ELGAR CLOSE

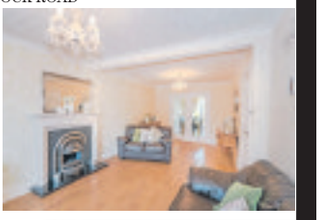


- Extended semi detached
- Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory
- Second Sitting Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Driveway

ASKING PRICE £135,000

NEW

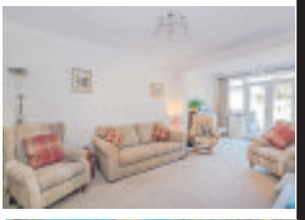
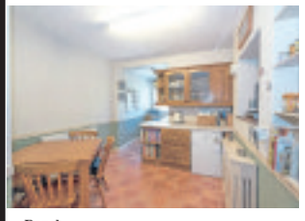
CANNOCK
EAST CANNOCK ROAD



- Stunning Extended Traditional Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Four Bedrooms
- Master having En-Suite
- Enclosed Ample Rear Garden
- Jacuzzi Included
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Viewing is Essential

£225,000

CANNOCK
DARTMOUTH AVENUE

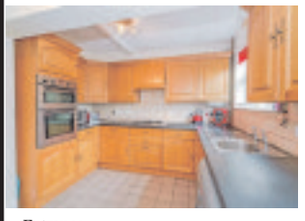
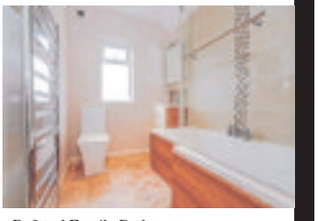



- Porch,
- Entrance Hallway,
- Dining Room,
- Extended Lounge,
- Kitchen Diner
- First Floor Three Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Loft Room via Loft Ladder
- Large Well Stocked Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway.

£264,995

NEW

CHURCHBRIDGE
LEACROFT LANE

- Entrance,
- Lounge
- Dining Room w
- Kitchen.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Driveway.

£160,000

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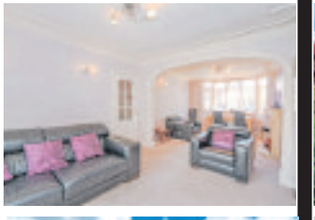
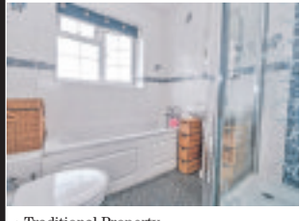
CHURCH ROAD

- Traditional Property
- Through Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Block Paved Driveway

£180,000 Offers In the Region

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Traditional Semi
- Hallway
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage, Large Driveway
- Landscaped Rear Garden

Offers in excess of £220,000

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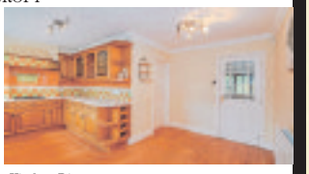


- Detched House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge
- Conservatory.
- Kitchen Diner,
- Utility, Guest WC.
- Four Bedroom
- En-Suite Shower Room.

£290,000

GREAT WYRLEY

HUT HILL LANE

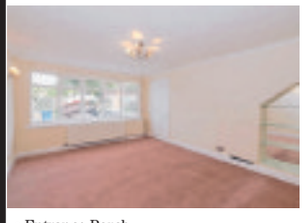
- Stunning Bungalow
- Totally Refurbished
- 2 Large Reception Rooms
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Large Breakfast Kitchen
- Detached Garage
- Jacuzzi Room

£425,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD

COPPERKINS ROAD



- Entrance Porch,
- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge,
- Kitchen Diner,
- Spacious Conservatory,
- Utility and Shower Room.
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Garage

ASKING PRICE£185,000

GREAT WYRLEY

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- Outstanding Family Home
- Deceptively Spacious
- Hallway, WC
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- En-suite to master
- Driveway
- Viewing Essential

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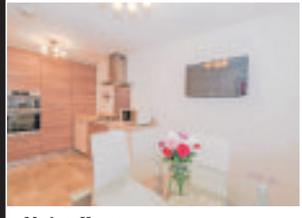

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- Hall, Guests WC
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- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this good sized three bedroom family home, situated on a corner plot.Accommodation having Hallway, Breakfast Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized Garden to front with off road parking and Garden to rear

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NEW

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NEW

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MUST BE VIEWED

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NO CHAIN

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Charnwood Close, Etching Hill — £169,950

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom semi detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom. Lounge, Conservatory and Fitted Kitchen. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

St Anthonys Close, Rugeley — £195,000

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom link detached home,located in a quiet cul de sac,close to town centre.Being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN and having Porch, Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing ,Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens and Driveway to Garage

Levett Grange, Rugeley — £265,000

NEW

● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached family home, located on a sought after development. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room and Family Kitchen. Master Bedroom with En Suite,Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented first floor two bedroom duplex apartment, ideal for investment or first time buyers. Accommodation having Hallway, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking with Communal Gardens

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NEW

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached bungalow in a sought after location. The property has two reception rooms and two double bedrooms, kitchen and modern bathroom. There is a detached garage and gardens to the front and rear

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- KITCHEN
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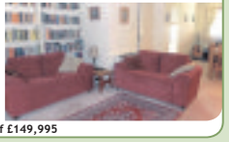

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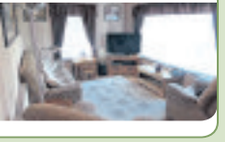

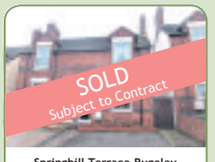

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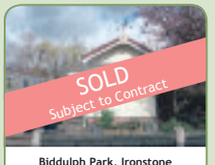

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NORTON CANES £290,000

In brief, the property consists of a spacious entrance hallway, a lounge with double doors leading into the conservatory, a kitchen/diner, utility and guest WC.

To the first floor, there are four bedrooms with the master having an en-suite shower room, and family four-piece bathroom, all leading off the galleried landing.

Externally, the property has an enclosed rear garden, and parking is provided by a block-paved driveway and garage.

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Cannock Chase Council

Thursday 15th June 2017, 6.30pm

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If you are a Landlord with property to rent in the Cannock Chase Area, why not attend the next meeting of the Landlord Forum?

Guest Speakers for the evening are:

Wolf Enforcement Services Ltd
Recovering Rent Arrears and Property for Landlords

Fixed Fee Tax Return - Accountancy Services
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Don Robbie - West Midlands Representative
National Landlords Association (NLA)
General update on changes affecting the private sector

David Willmore - Benefits Services and Compliance Manager
Update on Welfare Benefit Reform

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HEATH HAYES
FIRECREST CLOSE

- A spacious four bedroom detached
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen/diner, guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Three further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Garden to rear, driveway
- Garage, awaiting EPC rating

£259,950

CANNOCK
DARTMOUTH ROAD

- Traditional Three bedroom
- Breakfast kitchen
- Lounge dining room
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Gargage Driveway
- Large mature garden
- Gas central heated
- Guest WC
- EPC rating E

£264,995

CANNOCK
ST JOHNS CLOSE

- An individual 4 bedroom detached
- New build, GCH/DG
- Lounge, Kitchen/diner
- Family bathroom
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Enclosed rear garden
- Driveway to fore
- Cannock Centre location
- Viewing highly recommended

£249,950

HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE

- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£209,995

HEATH HAYES
PHEASANT WAY

- A modern three bedroom property
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and parking
- EPC rating C

£159,000

CANNOCK
OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS

- A well presented two bedroom house
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, conservatory
- Kitchen, guest cloakroom
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear yard
- Of road parking
- EPC rating C

£124,995

HEDNESFORD
ANGLESEY COURT

- First floor 1 bedroom apartment
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Lounge, Study/Storage
- Garage, Allocated parking
- Good Location
- Intercom Entrance
- Must be Viewed
- EPC rating D

£112,500

CANNOCK
VIOLET CLOSE

- Modern two bedroom apartment
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking
- Ideal first time buy
- EPC rating B

£40,000 40% share

HEATH HAYES
BADGERS COURT

- A two bedroom first floor apartment
- Heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Two bedrooms
- Alocated parking
- Ideal first time buy or investment
- EPC rating D

Offers around £99,950

HEDNESFORD
CHURCHHILL

- A three bedroom bungalow
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge/diner
- Shower room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway
- Good sized rear garden
- Awaiting EPC rating

£164,950

CANNOCK
WELLINGTON DRIVE

- Detached two bedroom bungalow
- Breakfast kitchen
- Lounge, entrance hallway
- Gas central heating/double glazed
- Family bathroom, loft room
- Garage with driveway
- Awaiting EPC rating
- Viewing Essential

£255,000

HEATH HAYES
SALISBURY DRIVE

- A much improved 3 bedroom house
- Gas centra heating and double glazing
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- Conservatory
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- Refitted modern bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Garage
- EPC rating C

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- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking

£475 pcm

BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- 2 Bed End Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating C

£550 pcm

WATERBROOK WAY, BRIDGTOWN

- 2 Bed Mid Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- GCH/DG
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/Pets

£590 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed FF Apartment
- Lounge/kitchen
- Under floor heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating B
- NO DSS/Pets

£595 Pcm

CHURCH STREET, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed Mid Terrace
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen/Utility
- GCH/DG
- Garage/Rear

£525 pcm

BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- 3 Bed End
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Gardens & Parking

£575 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed SFF
- Lounge
- Kitchen with appliances
- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- No DSS/Pets

£600 pcm

HARDIE GREEN, CHADSMOOR

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Gardens
- EPC
- NO DSS OR PETS

£600 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Duplex
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom & Guest WC
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D

£625 pcm Inc Council Tax & Water

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- COMMERCIAL
- Town Centre
- 1st Floor Suite
- Five Offices
- Kitchen Facilities
- Toilet Facilities
- Gas Central Heating

£700 pcm

ST THOMAS WAY, RUGELEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached House
- Off Road Parking
- Garden
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Guest WC
- Bathroom

£725 pcm

WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- GCH, DG, Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£800 pcm

ROBINS CROFT, HEATH HAYES

- An Executive Detached Family Residence
- Reception Hallway, Guest WC
- Study, Lounge, Delightful Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
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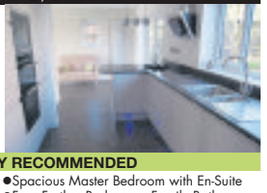
- Double Detached Garage, Front and Rear Gardens

£389,950

OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility
- Spacious Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Four Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage, Detached Garage, Driveway, Front, Side & Rear Gardens

£365,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- An Extremely Well Presented & Deceptively Spacious 3/4 Bed Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Reception Hallway, Family Lounge, Conservatory
- Dining Room/Bedroom Four, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room
- Three First Floor Bedrooms

OIRO £260,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge. Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£225,000

ST GEORGE DRIVE, RAWNSLEY

- A Delightful Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Entrance Porch/Hallway
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility & Guest WC
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway & Garage

£220,000

RADNOR RISE, HEDNESFORD

- VIEWING RECOMMENDED TO APPRCIATE
- A Deceptively Spacious Semi Detached House Positioned on a Corner Plot
- Lounge, Dining/ Family Room
- Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room
- Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room, Double Garage

£220,000 NO CHAIN

MYRTLE GLADE, CHURCHBRIDGE

- An Extremely Well Presented Modern Semi-Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC, Spacious Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Driveway, Front & Rear Gardens

£215,000

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£199,995

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

- A deceptively spacious well presented detached house
- Porch, entrance hall, extended kitchen/diner
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Generous Conservatory
- Three bedrooms, shower room
- Delightful rear gardens, driveway
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

Offers in Excess of £180,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£169,995

EAST STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- A Modern Well Presented Three Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance House, Spacious Family Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen Diner, Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden & Parking at Rear

£160,000

PEBBLE MILL COURT, CANNOCK

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

- Well Presented Ground Floor Flat
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Parking & Garage
- Communal Gardens
- Ideal Location

£142,500

LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Very Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House
- Modern Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory, Three Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Attractive Rear Garden
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£155,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Gardens

£120,000 No Chain

MOSS GREEN, RUGELEY

- A very well presented three bedroom mid terraced house
- GCH & D/G
- Entrance Hall, Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Family Lounge
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Garage
- No Chain

£120,000 NO CHAIN

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Semi Det House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Area & Guest WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£119,950 No Chain

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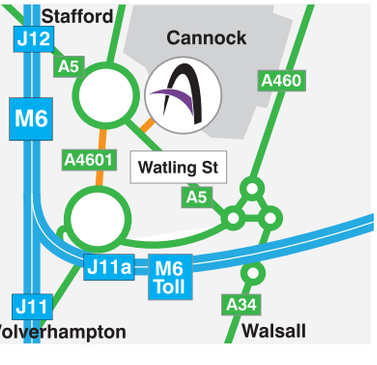

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Old-school charm in buckets

By Jack Evans

The Jeep Wrangler is somewhat a law unto itself. Now the Land Rover Defender isn't around, it remains the last bastion of no-frills off-roading. With iconic looks, rudimentary mechanicals and just two engines to choose from, the Wrangler certainly isn't what you'd call plush – but it has a charm to it unlike other cars on sale today.

In terms of what's new, the 75th Anniversary car that we have here receives a wider range of exterior colours, as well as bronze-finish interior accents. There's also brown leather seats and a 6.52-colour touchscreen housing media functions.

There's no denying that the Wrangler has a huge amount of presence on the road. It's a big car, and the large tyres and chunky bumpers help accentuate its overall size. In 'Serge Green', it's hard to miss the Wrangler's military roots – and it's unlikely that passers-by will miss them, either. It's definitely not a car for those who want to draw little attention to themselves – but extroverts will no doubt love the way it looks.

Inside, the Wrangler's rough-and-ready approach is extended. The plastics used are very scratchy, but everything feels solidly built – if a little outdated.

The infotainment screen, for instance, is behind those found in modern superminis and it's relatively fiddly to operate, too.

Given its size, you'd expect there to be plenty of space inside the Wrangler. However, this really isn't the case, as the cabin feels surprisingly cramped and the rear seats don't offer the acres of room that you'd reckon they would.

The car's boot is easy to access

Cruise control and electronic stability control

The Jeep Wrangler uses an iconic design, both in terms of visuals and mechanics

The car's 498-litre boot is easy to access thanks to a rear door which opens widely, and its square shape does make it ideal for larger items like suitcases. It's worth noting that if you opt for the two-door model, this boot size shrinks to just 142 litres.

Driving the Wrangler is a mixture of the very good and very bad. The engine, for instance, has plenty of grunt and never feels underpowered yet the five-speed automatic gearbox struggles at times, hanging on to cogs when it isn't needed.

The ride is very soft – and is so to make the car good off-road – but because of this there's huge amounts of body roll. Cornering, therefore, isn't something that is particularly enjoyable in the Wrangler and you tend to take them much slower than you would in an ordinary car.

Parking the Wrangler is quite the event, too.

There aren't any parking aids – sensors nor a camera – which is something you'd expect to see on a car of this size and price. However, the car's square size does mean that it's easier to position than you'd think, while its large tyres ensure that it's tricky to kerb the car's alloys.

Our Jeep Wrangler came in at £36,520. For that, you get cruise control, electronic stability control and a multifunction steering wheel. A tyre pressure monitoring display is also fitted as standard, as well as that previously mentioned infotainment system.

In fairness, it does provide Bluetooth connectivity, allowing you to play music from your smartphone through the car's stereo, which provides a decent enough sound.

Yes, at nearly £40,000 the Wrangler is quite a lot of money. There are cars on sale today that would be a lot more comfortable and efficient, but the truth is that those who can get over the Jeep's foibles will love it for the sheer amount of character it offers.

The Wrangler is ideal for those who want a huge amount of off-road capability wrapped up in an iconic package. It isn't particularly refined or economical, but its level of charm is hard to ignore.

Take away the car's fuel economy, and it wouldn't be too much of a stretch to live with the Wrangler day-to-day – as long as you don't have to park it in small spaces too often, that is.

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Infotainment: 9.2" screen with Smartlink+

Skoda updates flagship of its model range, Superb

From now the Škoda Superb and Škoda Superb Estate will be rolled out with numerous innovations. These includes automatic emergency call as additional security – and comfort features, and extended connectivity solutions.

● Care Connect with automatic emergency call

With the new model year, the Superb saloon and estate come with Care Connect as standard from Ambition trim upwards – regardless of the choice of infotainment system.

The most important feature of the Care Connect is the automatic emergency call, which is activated following an accident if a restraint system has been triggered. The vehicle establishes a voice and data connection to an emergency call centre and transmits all the necessary data. The emergency call can also be initiated manually via a button in the roof module.

In addition, remote access to the vehicle is now possible via the Škoda Connect App. The smartphone can inform the driver, among other things, whether the windows and doors are closed or the lights are off. The parking position function shows the location of the vehicle, the "Honk & Flash" function makes it easier to find the car by activating the horn and hazard lights.

Chrome strips are now available

● Infotainment: 9.2" screen in the glass design and SmartLink+

Numerous functions can now be operated with optimised infotainment systems for the Superb. The display of the Columbus navigation system has grown from 8 to 9.2 inches and the system Swing from 5 to 6.5 inches. In addition, the glass design enhances the high-resolution displays.

With the SmartLink+ system on board, the Superb now offers additional possibilities for networking between the vehicle and smartphone. SmartLink+ brings navigation, infotainment and communication apps from the mobile phone into the car and also provides vehicle data for the evaluation on the smartphone.

● Driver assistance systems: Park Distance Control

The Superb helps to avoid dents while parking, which is ensured by the Park Distance Control system with extended function Manoeuvre Assist – this now also detects obstacles in front of the vehicle. The system not only warns the driver with optical and acoustic signals but also brakes the vehicle automatically if necessary.

● Driver´s seat with a massage function, improved communication climate and noise level

As a comfortable travelling vehicle for the whole family, the character of the car has been further strengthened with new equipment features. The optional massage function for the driver's seat, which is available with the electrically adjustable variant, includes ventilation and memory function, ensures increased comfort on long distances. Also the communication among occupants is improved with Digital Voice Enhancement, which transmits the driver's and front passenger's voice to the passengers in the rear via a microphone in the cockpit. Additional improvements also contribute to lower noise levels – the front side windows are newly available with an acoustic film between the two glass surfaces.

● Design

The new design of the 19-inch light-alloy Acamar rims underscores the elegant appearance of the top model. In addition, the revised Superb can be ordered later this year in a new elegant car body metallic colour Velvet Red.

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Renault breathes new life into 'best-selling' Captur

There are C-shaped LED daytime running lights at the front

By Jack Evans

The Captur was Europe's best-selling urban crossover in 2016 with 215,670 units sold, which makes it a crucial model for Renault. As such, the French manufacturer has breathed new life into the distinctive-looking car to further increase its appeal, adding touches such as LED running lights and a wider choice of alloy wheels, as well as new skid plates to highlight its 'go anywhere' looks.

Overall, the changes are subtle but bring the car's looks closer into line with those of the current Kadjar and upcoming Koleos.

However, you'll find no changes to the engine line-up here, with the familiar 1.2-litre petrol and 1.5-litre diesel units making up the range.

The current crop of crossovers are quirky-looking vehicles, and the Captur is no different. You'll have to look closely to notice the difference between this latest car and the one it replaces, but try hard and you'll notice C-shaped LED daytime running lights at the front and updated LED light units at the rear.

As previously mentioned, new skidplates now feature at the front and back of the Captur, and there's a great variety of colours to pick from, too.

Inside, the changes are similarly subtle. A fixed glass sunroof is now available on cars in Dynamique S trim levels and above, while higher-quality plastics have been used on larger areas such as the dashboard.

The stereo produced a premium sound

Top-end spec cars get a leather-trimmed steering wheel, too. These changes do make the difference, as the cabin feels distinctly more premium than that found in the previous generation – but the effect is not what we'd call groundbreaking.

The Captur remains an impressively spacious car. The front seats offer plenty of shoulder room, while those in the back are equally well catered for.

Thanks to large windows, it also feels quite airy, though darker coloured upholstery does somewhat go against this.

There's 377 litres of boot space, and this is aided by plenty of in-car storage too. Deep door bins are ideal for water bottles, while cupholders in the centre of the car's cabin are equally as useful.

The Captur delivers a surprisingly involving drive. The 1.2-litre petrol engine fitted to our test car was nippy and ideal for urban driving, but you need to work the gearbox to make consistent progress.

However, that gearbox doesn't have the most pleasant of actions, and lacks the accuracy that you'll find in competitors' 'boxes. The ride isn't too firm, and deals with lumps and bumps in the road well.

The Captur's steering is very light, but this makes it well suited to urban driving as it allows for quick changes of direction and immediate turns.

Our test car came in at £19,095 and featured a full infotainment system, air conditioning and a multifunction steering wheel.

The car's interior plastics have been heavily reworked, and because of this feel far more high-end than those found in the previous car.

That said, those materials lower down the cabin aren't as good, and are now more noticeable because of the soft-touch plastics used on the dashboard.

The infotainment system lacks the precision that is found in rival systems, and the satellite navigation can be slow to adjust.

However, the Bose stereo fited to our car was impressive, and produced a premium sound.

The Captur is ideal for those people who want economical, low-frills motoring at a competitive price.

This facelift has been a rather light one, but the changes that have been made only help to add to the Captur's appeal. However, it has a tough fight on its hands to deal with competition from the likes of the Toyota CH-R or Citroen C4 Cactus.

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Honda's latest Civic is a class leader

By John Griffiths

Honda's engineers are acknowledged experts when it comes to engine – everything from lawnmowers to Formula One cars.

It's a fact which comes to mind when driving two of the new Civics, at the heart of which are all new petrol power units which go straight to the top of the class. They are 1.0 and 1.5 litres capacity, both supercharged, at the heart of a new car.

Bigger, more practical and better equipped, the engine and transmission choices are designed to appeal to a range of different customers but both come with first class dynamic abilities obviously benefitting from Honda's racing experience.

Prices range from £18,475 for the 1.0 in entry level SE trim to £27,550 1.5 litre in EX spec. Doubtless some will be waiting for the 2.0 litre turbo Type-R version of the new Civic, due in showrooms from July at prices from £30,995.

The smaller engine with 129bhp and 200Nm of torque is the most powerful in this class of small, turbocharged units adopted by several manufacturers – built at a time when diesels are becoming unpopular in some quarters but drivers still want diesel-like economy and driveability. In the Civic, this means a 0 to 62mph sprint time of around 10.5 seconds combined with an official average of almost 60mpg and a low 110g/km of CO2 emissions. But thanks to the turbo, it is smooth and responsive from low revs, a far cry from 1.0-litre engines of even recent history.

The 1.5 is also a classleader with 182bhp and 240Nm of torque (more than the original Type-R) with a 0 to 62mph time of 8.2 seconds, 48.7mpg economy and 133g/km of CO2. Both combine Honda's proven VTEC and turbo technology to produce an impressive blend of economy, performance and flexibility. Wider, longer and lower than any of its ancestors, the new Civic loses some of the more edgy styling of its predecesor. With a more graceful but still very much a sporting profile, the new hatchback is still a distinctive offering. While the size has increased, this Civic has actually shed some weight and together with a lower centre of gravity, stiffer chassis and sophisticated new suspension system

The engine and transmission choices appeal to a range of customers

The interior trim has a quality feel

it fully justifies a sports hatchback classification.

Its pointability, quick turn in and stability through the corners is a safety issue, as well as making it more engaging for the enthusiastic driver. The ride is impressively supple for a car with sporting dynamics, and quiet too, which adds to the premium feel inside the cabin.

The 1.5 Sport model tested was fitted with an adaptive damping system (switchable at the touch of a button) which gives drivers a slightly firmer option. Like other Civics it also had Honda's 'agile handling assist' system which lightly brakes the inner wheels as you steer into a corner. The other benefit of the new design is more interior space.

The trim has a quality feel, with clear and uncluttered instruments. A new and upgraded central control screen is complemented by a simple to reach array of second controls on the centre console and steering wheel. While the instrument panel is a little more conventional than its predecessor, it retains the big digital speedo as its centrepiece.

All Civics come with Honda's 'SENSING' system, a package of safety-orientated electronics including lane departure warning, traffic sign recognition, adaptive cruise control and collision mitigation braking system. Alloy wheels, the latest infotainment and connectivity system, parking sensors, heated mirrors, climate control and automatic headlights are standard across the range.

There is a new six-speed gearbox designed to take advantage of the turbo's power/torque combination. An option for both engine sizes is a new CVT. Honda's is a brand new system, overcoming many of the automatic issues of the past with a smooth, linear feel and no loss of performance compared to the manual. Fuel consumption with the 1.0 litre auto is slightly better than the manual, and virtually the same for the 1.5.

The Civic has been a mainstay of Honda's four-wheeled family and the new model could well increase its share of the market.

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CHAVE

Jack

Dear Brother of Jim.

Passed away Saturday, June 2, in Sydney, Australia after a long illness.

He will be missed by his Family and Friends.

DORSETT

Joan

nee Haywood

Former Landlady of Ye Olde Dun Cow Inn Colton sadly passed away peacefully May 26, 2017, aged 88.

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Funeral Service to take place 2.30pm on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at Stafford Crematorium.

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HODGKINSON

George Henry

Passed away peacefully after a short illness May 26, 2017, aged 80.

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Stephen John

18.05.2017

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nee Dalton

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SYLVESTER

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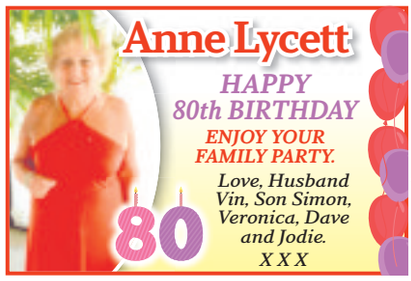

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council on 6th June 2017 made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Elm Road in Cannock from its junction with High Street in a generally southerly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

An alternative route for traffic is available via High Street, Cherry Tree Road and vice versa. For more information, visit: https://roadworks.org?tm=116867

The order will come into operation on 12th June 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 14th July 2017.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the gas mains replacement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change, No. 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2DH

Ref: 32894, Enquiries: Customer Contact Centre Tel: 0300 111 8000 www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders http://roadworks.org

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b) to the northbound carriageway of the M6 at Junction 12.

The work will be carried out over one night between 22.00 hours and 06.00 hours and is expected to start on Friday 30 June 2017. The Order will come into force on Monday 26 June 2017.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used in connection with the work or by a traffic officer will be exempt from the closures.

Diversion routes via alternative junctions of the M6 will be signed.

For further information please contact Dennis Wheeler on 0300 470 3455.

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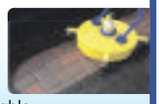

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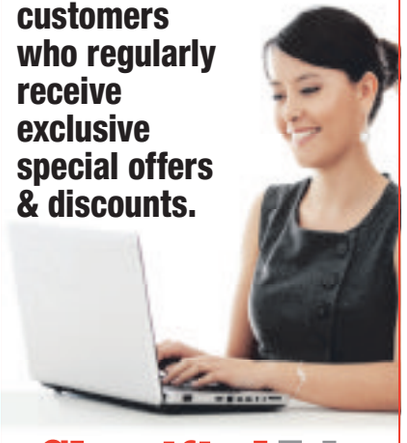

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Fundraisers saddle up to help hospice

AROUND a dozen people are saddling up to raise money for Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge next week. Cyclists from across the country will converge on Wolverhampton, for the start of a one-day, 106-mile charity ride from the city out to Aberdovey, Wales.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the annual at the annual Aberdovey Cycling Challenge and the number taking part on behalf of the hospice is the biggest representation the charity has ever had.

As well as the popular one-day event next Friday (June 16), there is also a four-day challenge, beginning on Tuesday (13) which takes cyclists on a route covering more than 400 miles from Wolverhampton to Aberdovey, via Snowdonia. The hospice will have a team representing them in this challenge, who go under the collective name of Team Fablass 5.

Charlotte Schofield, head of fundraising at Mary Stevens Hospice, said: "We're so grateful to our supporters for dedicating so much time and effort to help support us through this event.

"I want to pay special mention to the team taking on the four-day challenge. We're so privileged that they would choose to do something like this for us."

Boxer Paz to address fans at sports bar

BOXING fans can meet legend of the sport Vinny Paz in Cannock later this month.

Formerly known as Vinny Pazienza, the five-time lightweight and middleweight champion of the world is the inspiration for the 2016 hit film Bleed For This, which is based on his comeback from a spinal injury.

The American fighter, aged 54, appears at Bar Sport's Premier Suite, in High Green, for an after-dinner speech and question and answer session on Wednesday, June 21.

Tickets start from £45 with VIP packages available. A five-course meal will be served, plus there will be entertainment from a comedian and a memorabilia auction.

'Paz' will also be available for photographs with fans.

Doors open at 7pm. Call the ticket hotline on 01543 572092 or email info@premier-suite.co.uk for more details.

He will be the latest in a long line of big name boxers to have appeared at the venue in recent years. Others include Evander Holyfield, Chris Eubank, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran, Nigel Benn, Carl Froch, Carl Frampton and Joe Calzaghe.

Frustration as injury rules Woakes out

GREAT Barr's Chris Woakes has spoken of his frustration after he was ruled out of the Champions Trophy with a side strain.

The 28-year-old Warwickshire all-rounder sustained the injury during his two-over spell in England's opening eight-wicket win over Bangladesh at The Oval last Thursday.

The England and Wales Cricket Board confirmed the following morning that the key seamer would play no further part in the tournament.

"It's really frustrating," said Woakes, who has been replaced by Steven Finn. "It's a tough one to take, right at the start of a tournament which we have been building up to as a team for a while.

"I finished two overs but it was probably on the third or fourth ball of the second over that it felt like something had become tight in my side," Woakes added. "I managed to finish the over but by the last ball I knew that something really wasn't right. To a certain extent, it felt like someone was sticking a knife in my side."

Woakes now faces a race against time to be fit for the Test series against South Africa, which begins at Lord's on July 6.

Pelsall Villa FC v Newlands FC of Heath Hayes

Harrison Boswell, with Thomas Birch, gets his boot signed

McAuley bags kick-off role at tournament

WEDNESBURY Cricket Club swapped stumps for goalposts to help a new Black Country football tournament get up and running.

The Fourbury Mini Soccer Tournament – named after co-organisers Four Oaks Football Club and Wednesbury Cricket Club – attracted more than 300 youngsters from all over the region with Albion star Gareth McAuley kicking off proceedings.

After taking on the lease at Wood Green Road as the former sports union disbanded, Wednesbury have been keen to attract more grassroots sports action.

And Wednesbury CC chairman Craig Cartwright declared the event a huge success.

"For the first one we've hosted it was absolutely more successful than we could've hoped," he said. "You learn from your first events and tweak things for the future but we're already planning for more events.

Weather

"It was brilliant that the facility was being used and everyone was enjoying themselves. We want to thank the council for helping us, including Elaine Costigan and Peter Hughes who have been great.

"We want it used by as many people as possible. The weather definitely helped the event but I think everybody would've turned up to play in the rain."

Around 40 teams competed across the under-six and under-seven age groups and Four Oaks, based in Sutton Coldfield and with more than half of their 21 teams featuring in the Walsall League, hailed their host's input.

"A venue like this is very much lacking in Sutton Coldfield and we were very pleased with the spread of teams. It shows the draw that football has," said Scott Ratcliffe, chairman of Four Oaks. "You had Black Country teams and teams from as far afield as Northfield and also Atherstone. I think the success has been very good and it will spur us on into next year to see how we can improve and grow it."

The chairman reserved praise for the standard of the Walsall League, which carries teams from under-seven through to under-18s.

He added "We've fielded 12 teams in the Walsall League and I would say that the organisation and competitiveness has been absolutely A1. I think the league have to get a pat on the back for everything.

"They've made it not just enjoyable, but easy for people to manage teams, turn up and play football. They've chosen great venues and have done a fantastic job."

Solihull's Olton Ravens won a 3-2 thriller against Cannock side FC Newlands in the under-sevens, while Newlands took home the under-six title, beating Oldbury outfit Brandhall Colts in the final.

Albion ace McAuley, whose seven-year-old son Bobby plays for Four Oaks in the Walsall League, joined hundred of parents and families cheering from the sidelines. He said: "When I was starting out it was only the school team and then county team. A lot of grassroots was missed out."

SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

"I think the success has been very good and it will spur us on into next year to see how we can improve and grow it."

Max Bailey, aged seven, of Cannock team FC Newlands

FC Premier shoot against West Bromwich side Bustleholme

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Dundas in it for long haul at Scholars

NEW Chasetown boss Scott Dundas is ready to establish himself as Scholars chief.

The former Norton United, Witton Albion and Newcastle Town boss replaced Dave Stringer in the hotseat at The Scholars Ground and is tasked with turning around Chasetown's fortunes.

Stringer returned to former club Rugby after guiding Scholars to 17th in the Evo-Stik First Division South.

Dundas, aged 43, a former Stafford Rangers star between 1999-2001 under Ian Painter, arrives at the Scholars having had his time with Newcastle Town cut short. He led them to a competitive seventh-placed finish but they parted due to a difference of ambition, according to the boss.

Dundas arrives with his assistant Anthony Buckle and first-team coach Steve Harper – a former Football League player of more than 500 appearances.

The boss boasts plenty of experience at non-league's step four, guiding Norton United to the level and to an FA Cup first-round tie before the club dissolved in 2015. He moved on to Witton, lasting just 10 league games, before last season where his Newcastle side flirted with the play-offs for much of the campaign.

This time around he is ready to stick around and build an established Scholars squad. "We want a squad capable of competing in the play-offs," he said. "I've been building teams for a couple of years but not carrying on for whatever reason. I want to be established and be somewhere for four or five years."

Dundas has a rebuilding job on his hands after stalwart Chris Slater joined Walsall Wood, along with winger Peter Till. James Dance, Josh Ruff and Liam Holt have all joined former boss Stringer. In addition to Wynter, Mitch Piggon and Jack Langston have also left the club.

Ex-strike partner of Thierry Henry joins the Pitmen

A FORMER strike partner of Thierry Henry is one of five new arrivals at Hednesford Town. Luke Rodgers, who featured alongside the Frenchman at New York Red Bulls from 2011 until 2012, has signed for the Keys Park outfit.

He had a spell last term at fellow Evo-Stik Premier side Stourbridge and lists the likes of Notts County and Shrewsbury Town as former clubs. The Pitmen have also snapped up defender J'Cee Abraham, midfielder Lee Smith and strikers James Lawrie and Ryan Wynter, who has joined from Chasetown.

Hednesford are hosting a 'Meet the Manager' night on Wednesday, June 28. Supporters can put their questions to Neil Tooth at Keys Park from 7pm.

Former Hednesford player Chey Dunkley is targeting promotion to the Championship after joining Wigan Athletic from Oxford United.

The Wolverhampton-born central defender, aged 25 said: "It's a big club who have got really strong players for this division. The club sells itself to me and we all want to get back into the Championship."

New appointment to build on success

Kevin Heath

CANNOCK Hockey Club have named Kevin Heath as their new National League Performance Director. He will strengthen the existing coaching team, including men's head coach Gary Stacey, to build upon last season's successes.

Heath has a wealth of experience of working in a variety of roles in top flight hockey across clubs throughout the Midlands region.

He said he was looking forward to adding to and building on the solid foundations laid down last season and to making a difference with the exciting squad of players currently at Cannock.

Hockey

Hockey Club chairman Ian Gardner said: "Kevin's appointment is fantastic news for all involved at Cannock Hockey Club. He will assist the club in moving forward with its National League ambitions of returning to the Premier League.

"Kevin's active involvement in the junior hockey world development across the Midlands, also provides Cannock with exciting opportunities to develop its growing junior teams and encourage further participation in our sport."

Meanwhile, the club are running Back to Hockey sessions at Chase Park, starting from tonight (Thursday) and then running every week, from 6-7pm.

Club bosses are planning for the new season and are actively seeking new sponsorship. Several options are available for matchday and pitchside, as well as for players and a main club sponsor.

Visit www.cannockhockey.org

TEEN PLAYERS SHOW FORM

Cannock 1st XI (328-6) beat Swindon (188-9) by 140 runs

OVERSEAS player Nick Trebilcock top scored for Cannock with 93 as they posted 328-6 after being put in by the visitors.

Adam Benton (80) and Matt Cottrell (68) both continued their excellent form.

The visitors were never really in the game as Ed Martin picked up three early wickets to finish with 3-16. Dan Wood took 3-22 later in the innings as the visitors finished on 188-9.

Cannock 2nd XI (185-7) lost to Coseley 1st XI (189-6) by four wickets

THE returning Matt Davenport held the Cannock innings together with a fantastic 73 not out after captain John Cooke won the toss and elected to bat.

Cannock scored 185-7 from their 50 overs. Five early wickets put the visitors in the driving seat before a brilliant partnership between Ben Hanbury (75) and Sam Pitt (40 not out) won the game for the home side with 5.3 overs to spare.

Cannock 3rd XI (197-7) drew with Wightwick & Finchfield 2nd XI (146-7)

OPENERS Ian Slym and and 14-year-old Cameron Osborne got Cannock off to a solid start and the latter made 47 as Cannock scored 197-7 off 50 overs. Tom Bull added 41.

Tight bowling and energetic fielding restricted the visitors to 146-7 from their allocated overs. Lewis Smith was the pick of the bowlers with 3-31 and young Osborne showed his talent with the ball, taking 2-25 to give Cannock a winning draw.

Cannock 4ths (86-4) beat Brewood 4th XI (82 a/o) by six wickets

CANNOCK continued their impressive start to the season with a convincing win away at Brewood.

Captain Aaron Saunders took 4-8 and 14-year-old Harry Tooth picked up 3-21 as the home side were dismissed for just 82.

James Butcher saw Cannock home with a brutal 34 not out as the visitors ran out winners by six wickets.

Net gain for coaching volunteers

Ace volunteers . . . Sam Brown and Charlotte Ward with lead coach James Graney

TWO young volunteers who help run free weekly tennis sessions in Lichfield have gained their first coaching qualifications, thanks to the national charity which runs the scheme, Tennis For Free (TFF).

Sam Brown, aged 18, and 17-year- old Charlotte Ward, who help out at the Sunday afternoon sessions at Beacon Park, hope to build careers in coaching.

Sam and Charlotte recently completed their LTA Level 1 coaching qualification, funded by TFF. Sam, from Lichfield, started playing tennis at Lichfield Friary Tennis Club aged three and now helps at the TFF sessions, the club and goes into schools with the coaching team to encourage youngsters to take up the sport. TFF regional development officer Paul Bayliss said: "Sam is a real asset to the coaching team."

Charlotte, from Great Haywood, began playing at the age of nine at Lichfield Friary Lawn Tennis Club where her mum Hilary played. She is currently studying level 3 sports psychology at home. "She brings a big smile to the coaching sessions and is a role model to young girls," Bayliss added.

Run in partnership with Lichfield Friary Lawn Tennis Club and the district council, the TFF sessions are held at Beacon Park every Sunday from 2-4pm. Everything is free. Register at www.beaconparktennis.co.uk

Ali on song as Hawks claim draw

KABIR Ali (90no) starred as Cannock & Rugeley Hawks drew with Coventry & NW in the Birmingham League Division Two.

C&R made 238-8 from their 55-over allocation after being put in by the hosts. Saqib Akbar also made 40, while Harry Horsley starred with the ball, taking 6-57.

Wickets were shared in reply with a brace each for Shazad Malik (6-2-4-2), Nadeem Akram and Johar Ahmed as Coventry & NW reached 173-8

Mohammed Ishtiaq (96) starred in Penkridge's win against Sutton Coldfield. After restricting the visitors to 222-6, Penkridge reached their total for the loss of four wickets in 43.2 overs. Ishtiaq was backed up by Rana Hassan (68). Riwzan Gulzar shone with the ball for Penkridge, taking 4-63.

Lichfield were skittled for just 92 against Astwood Bank, Joe Seager top-scoring at seven with 43. Openers Ryan Blakemore (45) and Alex Robinson (32) eased Astwood Bank home.

In the Staffs Clubs Championship Premier Division, Rugeley fell to defeat at Pelsall by 97 runs. Nathan Timbrell claimed 5-42 as Pelsall were bowled out for 274, but the visitors in reply mustered up just 177 in 39.5 overs.

Hosts Hammerwich edged home by a single wicket against Springhill. After being asked to bat, the visitors made 114, Ben McLeod taking 4-35. Ben Watkiss at No. 10 made 25 not out as Hammerwich claimed victory. Ben Traat top-scored with 33.

Burntwood St Matthews declared on 206-8 after 48 overs on their way to a convincing win over Walsall 3rds.

Eden Wilkinson (61) and Matt Crossfield (51) both made half centuries, the latter (4-15) also starred with the ball as the hosts replied with just 102. Dylan Roberts took 4-16.

Teams wanted for new snooker season

CHASE Snooker League is inviting new snooker teams from the Rugeley, Hednesford and Cannock area to join the Wednesday Night League.

The new season will start in late September or early October.

Clubs able to enter two teams can guarantee at least 10 customers each Wednesday evening as matches are played alternately home or away.

Players making individual breaks over 30 points could also qualify for the Highest Break of the Season Trophy.

For more details, call chairman Alan Hallsworth on 01543 480020 or match secretary Steve Homer on 01543 491254.

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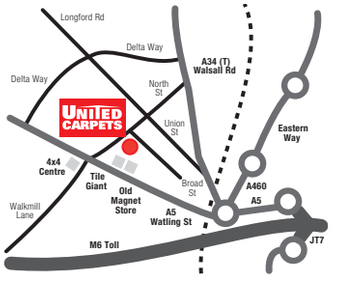

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